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Bringing it to the creeks

By Dawn Frasier

ALBANY — It looks like Albany might have some restored creeks in its future.

The first-ever meeting of the Albany Watershed Lecture Series on urban creek restoration, sponsored by Albany's water utility, took place last night and what can be done to restore long abandoned and degraded creeks in El Cerrito and Albany were among the topics discussed.

A two-hour forum, hosted by Mayor Mike Brodsky on Wednesday, Dec. 13, included a slide show, an expert presentation by environmentalists and representatives from Americorps, and a Q&A session.

More than 30 people gathered at the Albany Community Center for coffee and juice and to hear about Albany's water future.

Among the speakers was Kathryn Kramer, Education Director at the San Francisco Estuary Institute, who presented a brief pictorial history of the East Bay, taking viewers back to a time when grizzlies roamed the land in search of salmon and berries and the elk were so numerous early explorers likened them to herds of cattle.

Kramer's presentation stressed the importance of understanding what once was and assessing what there is now in order to best plan for the restoration of urban creeks in the future. She says that such forums are vital because they educate people and help them take a more active role in shaping the community in which they live.

Carole Schemmerling, Bay Area Coordinator for the Urban Creeks Council, presented slides of various creek restoration projects around the East Bay, including Strawberry Creek in Berkeley. The slides depicted paved-over water-

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Councilmember Bruce Mast (above left) was one of over 30 who showed up for last Saturday's cleanup of Cerrito Creek. He found



Photos by Chester King Vega

a woman's driver's license while Americorps worker Alan Goldstein looked on. Others (like those pictured above) pulled everything from full garbage bags to clothes from the water.

Garbage rates set to rise

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Garbage rates will soon increase for El Cerrito residents. The City Council is expected to officially approve a net increase of \$1.78 per 32-gallon can at its Jan. 2 meeting; it will be retroactive to Jan. 1.

Changes in garbage and recycling services planned for several months later, however, should be welcome news to citizens and should result in ultimately lower expenditures for some.

The most significant anticipated change to service is the addition of greenwaste pickup for residents. "Greenwaste" is the '90s term for grass clippings, brush, trimmed tree limbs and other yard debris, waste that can take up a tremendous percentage of the weekly garbage can.

"When residents are able to recycle their greenwaste, they may be able to cut back to a mini-can, or cut back from two cans to one, for their remaining waste," said Jim Randall, administrative services manager.

Such a change would mean a lower rate for the resident. Those who opt to stick with their current can size would have room available for other kinds of garbage. That will come in handy if the city decides to cut out its spring and fall bulky waste pickups.

"Between 70 and 75 percent of that pickup is greenwaste," said Randall. "Now residents can recycle it."

As far as the other 25 percent goes, Randall said the city is looking into other options with East Bay Sanitary, El Cerrito's garbage franchisee. One possibility is that residents might be allowed to request one extra pickup for year, placing

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School district to hire administrator

By Dawn Frasier

ALBANY — What started out as a series of parent meetings three months ago has now become a formal process. The Middle School Board last night hired a new director of curriculum and personnel.

The new director will be responsible for overseeing the district's curriculum and personnel. The board also approved a budget for the new position.

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"This topic was on successive broad meetings. When first brought it was in the form of a lot of parental support for science at the middle school. The board discussion began to focus on adding other elective programs and finally looking at district-wide needs," Superintendent Dale Hudson said at the Dec. 12 meeting.

"I didn't have a lot of time to do this, but in adding full-time positions mid-year, the general consensus was it's not the most conducive to the middle school program," he added, before recommending that the district reinstate the assistant superintendent for curriculum and personnel position.

"The current level of curriculum work has been allocated to princi-

pals and we're not able to meet many of the legal requirements that we are supposed to. We happen to be the only district in the surrounding three or four counties that doesn't have that position," Hudson said.

The recommendation received overwhelming support from board members, but also garnered objections from the audience and another extensive discussion on the subject.

The majority of concerns centered around the contention that a list of program needs (see Sidebar), developed by school principals and distributed at that Nov. 28 School Board meeting, was not submitted to teachers (or parents) for input.

"I'm thrilled there is some money and the possibility of restoring pro-

grams (but) I'm concerned. I don't see the logic in being able to support an \$80,000 position, but not funding a 1/2 time teacher or flushing out the music program," ATA President Susan Charlip said. "I've not seen this list, no administrator asked for teacher input and I find that surprising given the push for site-based decision making."

ATA negotiator Don Depasquale also objected to the action as one that he called premature.

"What's the hurry on the assistant superintendent? Why do we need to hire somebody when teachers are pretty upset about it? You've got a budget process about to be going on," why not do it then?, he asked board members.

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What schools need

Included on a list of needs developed by Superintendent Dale Hudson and school principals are:

District-wide (K-12):

- Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Personnel;

Elementary:

- Early intervention/language reading specialist (0.6 Full-Time Equivalent);
- Psychology time for general education students (1.0 FTE);
- Technology staff development and implementation;
- Health aide;
- Math specialist;

Middle School:

- Seven-period day, Electives program for 7th/8th grade to include science, art, industrial arts, music, health, foreign language, computers and technology (1.6 FTE for 8th grade, 1.6 FTE for 7th grade);
- "English Language Learners," sheltered classes (0.4 FTE);

High School:

- Six-period day, electives (3.0 FTE);
- Junior Varsity Soccer, Boys/Girls (\$9,000).

New inductee to El Cerrito Wall of Fame

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Marvin Collins has been added to the El Cerrito Wall of Fame for his years of service to the community. The well-respected business owner is perhaps best known for his work on El Cerrito and El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

The Wall of Fame is designed to give recognition to those who have made significant contributions to the community.

Marvin Collins was born and raised on a South Dakota farm with five brothers and two sisters. Marvin Collins moved to El Cerrito on July 1, 1934.

"El Cerrito was a wide open town at that time," he said. "Gambling, prostitution, you name it, they've seen a lot of changes since then."

Collins had also called a general strike, but nothing but the milk trucks running." Fortunately, Collins was eventually able to find employment at a seed house — "loading seed bags that weighed as much as me."

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Holiday spirit



Alex Pfeifer-Rosenblum, 7, of El Cerrito, entertained shoppers on Solano Avenue Saturday. He played all the holiday classics and said he plans on becoming a professional musician.

Del Norte traffic study in

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Results of a general traffic study in the Del Norte BART station area are in: jaywalking appears to be one of the more significant problems to be addressed.

The Interstate 80 Expansion Traffic Impact Study has nothing to do with a proposal to develop a theatre complex near the station. Instead, the study was to focus on those impacts caused by expansion of I-80 on San Pablo Avenue in the vicinity of the BART station. The study was performed by a private contractor and was funded by a \$10,000 allocation from the Metropolitan Transportation Committee.

The consultant was selected by the MTC and was asked to look at the following issues: widening of San Pablo Avenue; closure of Eastshore Boulevard; pedestrian jaywalking across San Pablo Avenue; traffic operations at the I-80/ Cutting Boulevard interchange; intersection queuing and level of service at San Pablo Avenue at Hill and at Cutting; and on-site circulation

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Letters to the Editor

Wants a dialogue

The Journal received a copy of the following letter to Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean and City Council members:

Because our city staff has received no official communication from the City of Berkeley, I was surprised to learn informally last night that the City of Berkeley may contemplate taking legal action against the City of Albany with regard to Albany Measure F.

If you are going to consider litigation, I strongly urge you to take the step of arranging a meeting between our respective staffs, elected officials, or some combination thereof before taking any action. We certainly would afford you the same basic respect for governmental relations in a similar situation. I am aware of no time constraint which would prevent arranging such a meeting prior to your council's consideration of any requests which you might have before you.

At the City of Berkeley's request, a meeting was held between elected officials and staff of both cities prior to passage of Measure F by the voters of Albany. In that meeting a number of concerns were raised and addressed. The Berkeley City Council passed a resolution expressing concern about several potential impacts and formally asked the City of Albany to require an environmental impact report on the construction of a card club at Golden Gate Fields to address potential impacts.

The City of Albany promptly replied, in an official communication to your city attorney from our city attorney, that we would require a complete CEQA review addressing potential impacts before any project was approved. We believe we directly addressed all the concerns which you raised at that time and we have heard nothing from you since. I am surprised that the City of Berkeley would now consider taking what appears to us as an abrupt about-face, suing a neighboring city, without talking to us first.

Our two cities have been seeking to increase cooperation in a number of areas of mutual concern between us, with some recent success and benefit to both our cities. In this spirit I would hope you will sit down with us and attempt to clear up any issues related to Albany Measure F before considering the drastic step of entering litigation.

Mike Brodsky
Mayor of Albany

Mayor's letter offends

Editor:

Albany Mayor's letter of Nov. 9 demanding that the city of Berkeley's staff talk with the city of Albany's staff about Albany's proposed cardroom is offensive for a number of reasons. His purpose is not to solve city planning issues — this could have been done prior to the cardroom election — but to persuade Berkeley against joining the lawsuit.

Albany's mayor contends that a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review will occur before any project is approved. However, Albany ratified a Development Agreement without the benefit of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and without Berkeley's input. This agreement specifies the size, location, and operating hours of the casino. It was approved by Albany's uninformed voters. What's the point of reviewing the project now? The Development Agreement cannot be changed. The mayor's contention is nothing but political rhetoric and would be a waste of time. Berkeley should reject this "after the fact" review because it has no legal "teeth."

If Albany had performed the state-required EIR on the project defined in the cardclub's Development Agreement before giving it to the voters, there would be no lawsuit and Berkeley residents would have had ample opportunity to comment on the project. Instead, Albany officials used, and continue to use, a number of legal loopholes to avoid the state's public review procedure. This has kept the project in the hands of politicians rather than the residents who live in the neighborhood and who would be affected by the crime and traffic generated by the casino. Albany's method has been, and continues to be, a procedure that puts authority to determine mitigations in the hands of vested politicians rather than in the hands of informed citizens where it belongs. The Mayor is perpetuating the idea that local governments can avoid state requirements by agreements made behind closed

doors. The City of Berkeley should reject Albany's overtures for staff meetings and should demand a project review in the sunshine.

Albany's mayor states in his letter that it would be an abrupt about-face for Berkeley to provide a statement to the court in behalf of the lawsuit against the casino. Did he forget that Albany abruptly ignored Berkeley and its residents in promoting this project and by rushing it to Albany voters? Albany staff told Berkeley staff prior to the cardclub election that the casino was a good deal for Berkeley, namely a half mile of Bay Trail "with no risk and for free" in exchange for northern California's largest gambling casino. Albany staff forgot about the numerous cardclub crime reports that have been conducted throughout the State. Albany's staff forgot that the cardclub's Development Agreement specified a 150-table club, not an 80-table club, when they did their bogus traffic study and concluded that no traffic impacts would occur as result of California's third-largest, 24-hour casino!

Albany's city officials and staff should not be believed or trusted. Berkeley should reject such negotiations and demand that Albany comply with state laws. More importantly, Berkeley should prepare an amicus brief supporting the lawsuit.

Mimi Malayan
Berkeley

Give SIMBYism a try

Editor:

On Thanksgiving Day you captioned a front-page Robicon/Idaho Motel story, "Neighbors Object to Housing Program." That evoked memories of successful "NIMBY" opposition to a proposed Center for the Blind in north El Cerrito, and, later, a Halfway House for Women in Southwest El Cerrito.

According to some folks, "those people" want to be like us property owners, or live in our backyard. ("Those people" include the homeless - disabled - poor - ethnic, religious and racial minorities; perhaps also the unemployed - single-parent families - large families - pet owners - liberals - radicals - and Native Americans.)

It seems that property rights are more sacred than human rights, and our zoning laws are imposed by a foreign government. Even the right to bury my ashes in my backyard requires a permit!

One reply to "NIMBYism" might be "SIMBYism" — sure, in my back yard, if the public welfare is protected.

Art Schroeder
El Cerrito

Why we like it

Editor:

First, we appreciate and look forward to reading *The Journal*, which arrives every Thursday morning in our driveway. *The Journal* gives us valuable news coverage and updates on what is happening in our immediate area, and we do thank you.

Second, and this is why this letter is being written, there are two gems which really make our day — Phyllis Lyon and the New York Times crossword. Many of the other columns are read with interest, but P.L. on page 2 is a standout. Sorry Frank died, Phyllis, but know his life was not lacking for interest in your menage.

Season's Greetings to one and all who work to put *The Journal* out, and may the New Year show some positive results in the workings of these changing times.

Lyndell Ludwig
Kensington

Typical attack

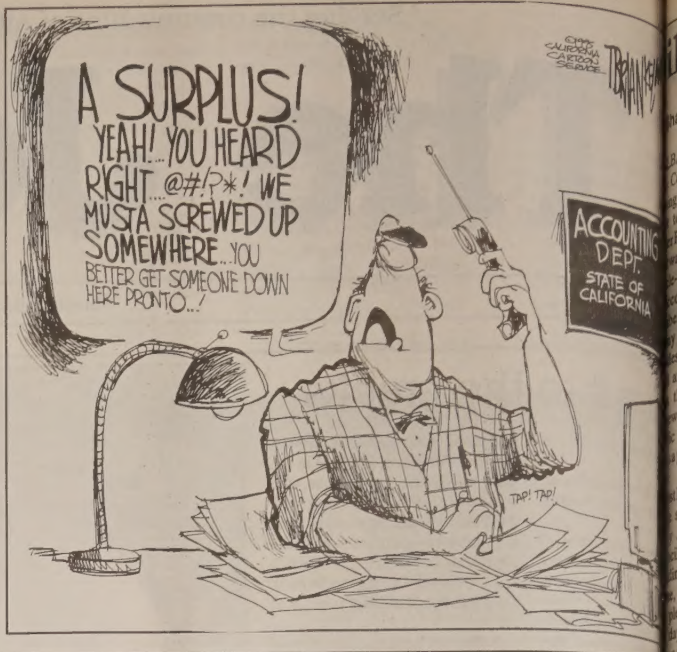
Editor:

Perhaps by now one should have become accustomed to Robert Outis' diatribes. His attack on Assembly candidate Robert Cheasty in the Dec. 7 *Journal* is typical, combining great length with a remarkable disregard for the facts. For five years the majority of Albany voters have consistently refused to accept Robert Outis' advice on how they should vote.

As many will remember, in 1990 Albany citizens put an initiative on the ballot to protect the waterfront from an unwanted commercial development. Robert Outis opposed the initiative and favored commercial development. Over 70 percent of Albany's voters disagreed with him.

Bob Cheasty supported the waterfront

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Police Reports

Suspected robber arrested after three thefts

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — At about 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 4 a resident on the 1100 block of Brighton Avenue reported that a man entered his home while he was there, simulated a weapon and demanded money. The resident convinced the robber that he was 95 percent blind and was able to escape to a neighbor's home and call police. Police searched the man's house but the robber was gone. A short time later officers learned from El Cerrito police that a person had been robbed while at the Automated Teller Machine at the Wells Fargo Bank which is three blocks from the first incident. A third robbery occurred a few minutes later a short distance from the second incident and El Cerrito police were able to contact an Oakland man who matched the description given by the victims. He was arrested and processed in El Cerrito.

On the night of Dec. 10 thieves stole a red 1989 Honda Prelude which was parked on the 500 block of Pierce Street. There were no witnesses.

On the afternoon of Dec. 11 vandals broke a concrete figure of a pelican which was in the front of a residence on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard. There were no witnesses.

At about 4:30 a.m. on Dec. 13 an Alameda woman reported that she accepted a ride from a man she described as a black male, 35 years old, 5-foot, 9-inches tall, weighing 160 pounds, with black hair, driving a dark colored Camaro or Firebird with a broken windshield, who drove her to an isolated area near I-80 and Buchanan Street. He then hit her, tore off some of her clothes and threatened her with a knife. She received a cut on her hand before she was able to escape. Police are investigating.

On the afternoon of Dec. 14 two 16-year-old Albany boys were walking on the 700 block of Evelyn Avenue when they were passed by two people who asked the time

and then demanded to be given the watch. When the Albany boys refused the attacker pulled a knife which was hidden. One of the victims gave up his watch but the other had no cash or valuables. The two thieves then fled. The thief with the knife was described as an Hispanic male, 16-years-old, 5-feet, 8-inches tall, weighing 135 pounds, with a squarish face and short hair combed back, wearing a blue jacket. The accomplice was described as an Hispanic male, 16-years-old, 5-feet, 7-inches tall, weighing 120 pounds with black hair, wearing a black baseball cap with "Richmond" written on the front, and a purple pullover jacket with turquoise stripes.

A short time later a 13-year-old Albany boy reported that while he was walking near Brighton and Stannage avenues he was approached by two boys, one of which asked him for the time. The Albany boy told him the time and walked on but the subject then asked for the boy's watch. When the Albany boy refused to give up his watch the subject pulled out a knife, placed it next to the Albany boy's stomach, and demanded the watch. The Albany boy gave up his watch and the thief and his friend departed going east on Brighton Avenue. The thief and his accomplice were similar in description to the above incident. Police are investigating both cases.

On morning of Dec. 14 an Albany man was again observed stealing recycling materials on resident's property and found to also have an outstanding warrant from Albany for the same activity. He was arrested, cited and released.

Shortly before midnight on Dec. 13 Albany officers observed a Berkeley man, known to have a local outstanding warrant, scavenging while riding on a bicycle. He threw a bag of marijuana onto the sidewalk in an attempt to avoid

detection and was arrested. Found to be in possession of a stolen wallet and officers covered the subject in a bag of methamphetamine. The subject was arrested and cited.

At about 2 a.m. officers observed a person who matched the description of a person who reportedly tampered with paper racks on the 1100 San Pablo Avenue. Gilman and San Pablo. He was contacted and have \$30 in quarters. He was arrested, cited and released.

Between 10 a.m. and Dec. 14 vandals were on a fence using blue paint. There were no witnesses.

At about 1:30 a.m. a group of juveniles at Albany High School, a Berkeley boy stated, and demanded to know if he was a gang member. Denied any gang affiliation, the questioner began to question the boy's friends in the car. The car and all the boys. One of the arrested the boy with a knife. They departed. The boy suffered a sprained wrist and is investigating.

During the early hours of Dec. 16 a car smashed the right rear of a car parked on the 700 Pierce Street, stole the car and departed.

During the same time vandals smashed the window of a white Civic 4-door, pried open the trunk and area and seen taking nothing.

During the week Albany officers engaged people at their request, responded to 21 calls, attended to two lost animals, assisted three people who were locked out of their car and responded to one of barking dogs.

Arrests made in bike path robbery attempt

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — A man and a male juvenile, both residents of Richmond were arrested for chasing and attempting to use force and fear on two children in order to get their bikes on the BART path at Portola Drive at 2:20 p.m. Dec. 10. At 3:30 p.m., a second male juvenile, also of Richmond, was arrested for threatening the victims as they reported the crime to police.

Two juvenile suspects beat an El Cerrito man, then took clothing items and miscellaneous items from him at about 7:30 p.m. Nov. 27 at Eureka Avenue and Norvell Street. They are described as black males between 16 and 19 years of age, wearing dark clothes, winter coats and jeans. One was about six feet in height, weighing about 170, the second about 6'2", weighing about 180.

Payless Shoe Source was robbed by two men at 11:25 a.m. Dec. 11. Both entered the store and appeared to shop, then one suspect displayed a handgun in his waistband and demanded cash. The

two fled on foot after receiving the cash. The first suspect was described as a black male between 30 and 35 years of age, wearing a green beanie hat with black stripes, a green and black plaid shirt and green pants. The second suspect, also a black male, was between 20 and 25 and wore a heavy black jacket.

An El Cerrito police officer reported that a man attempted to strike him with a vehicle in the 6600 block of Cutting Boulevard at 12:10 a.m. Nov. 29.

A male suspect showed a pistol to a Berkeley man while the victim was walking on the BART path at Stockton. The victim said he had no money and moved on; the incident occurred at 8:55 a.m. Dec. 1.

A Richmond man was arrested for hitting another man during a dispute on board an AC Transit bus at about 8:50 p.m. Dec. 2.

An El Cerrito woman and a female juvenile were arrested for fighting in public in the 5600 block of El Dorado at about 5:25 p.m. Dec. 4.

Two shots were fired over a fight between two unidentified persons, no one was hurt in the incident.

A citizen reported a juvenile suspect with a black handgun from the 1100 block of San Pablo at 2:15 p.m. Nov. 28.

A residential burglar(s) entered a window, CDs were stolen from the 2600 Vista at about 2:30 a.m. while construction was going on.

Someone entered the 1400 block of El Cerrito between Nov. 20 and 21, ing was reported.

El Cerrito police reported a fight between two juveniles, one of whom was a consumable and items were taken.

Three cars were involved in a fight between two juveniles, one of whom was a consumable and items were taken.

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ike committee up and running

Haron J. Leach

ALBANY — Albany's Bicycle Committee held its first meeting Dec. 13, beginning an effort to spearhead a Bicycle Plan for the city and look for ways to make Albany more bicycle-friendly.

According to Committee member Matthew Ridgeway, "We recognize that it's a dense and it's ideal standpoint," said Ridgeway, who also sits on the Traffic and Safety Commission and is a professional traffic engineer.

In May, Albany participated in a statewide Bike to Work Day. According to Committee member Bruce Mast, a member of the committee, over 100 people in the city pedaled to work on that day. He said that a recent survey showed that several hundred people in Albany sometimes commute to work by bicycle.

May event generated momentum for promoting the use, but solid grant funding is what the city into planning. Albany's biking initiative received seed money from the Transportation Development Act grant of \$10,000 to research and planning of the Bicycle Master Plan.

The job of the committee is to find out what cyclists and why they cycle in Albany. While there are some speaking corridors that could be improved, there are more getting around by bike where to put the bike path. "I'm not convinced that a bike path is the highest priority," said. Instead, the committee is charged with getting citizens on which concerns are the most.

Visible areas to look at in-bicycle parking and shelter, separation of bicycle and paths, how to cross busy streets like Marin and San Pablo, the dangers to cyclists of diagonal parking along the avenue, and how to plan community education. Since Albany is currently ac-



Chester King Vega

The committee hopes to encourage riders like Peter Vroegh (above).

cessible to bicycles, the committee will conduct surveys to determine what people see as obstacles to actually pedaling to their destinations.

Committee members include Mast, Ridgeway, Jan Hitchcock also of the Traffic and Safety Commission, City Planning Manager Gary Patton, and three newly appointed citizen members: David Bullen, Sarah Robinson, and Rob Williams. The surveys and outreach work, will enable the City to have consensus on public needs.

As it maps out citizen priorities, the committee will also advise on potential bike path projects. The city has targeted two possible projects and the grants that are available to fund them.

At Wednesday's meeting, Albany's Director of Environmental Resources and Community Development Bill Ekern outlined a series of state and federal transportation grants. Most of the funds available are aimed at cleaning up urban smog and reducing motorized traffic congestion. According to Ekern, the Bicycle Master Plan will put Albany in a stronger competitive position for many of these grants. Bicycle projects will be

funded entirely by grant money, except for the staff time of Albany's city employees.

Ekern briefly described two possible bike path projects. One would connect San Pablo Avenue to the Eastshore Freeway along Cordic Creek by UC Village. The path could bring Albany cyclists down to a commuting portion of the Bay Trail

to be built by Caltrans and designed to run in parallel to the freeway. Initial grant funding would be sought to do planning and environmental impact studies along the creek route.

The second project would involve a general re-working of the Cleveland Street to Buchanan Street connection.

The area has safety problems and a plan for it would involve an overall transportation improvement design, including a bicycle path. The upcoming freeway construction will also involve changes to the Buchanan Street interchange, and the grant could fund studies of how to plan around future developments.

Mast foresees completion of the Bicycle Master Plan by June 1996. Upcoming meetings will go to task developing community outreach on bicycle issues and priorities. The next meeting Jan. 18, the third Thursday of the month. According to Mast, the committee will be "hashing out a work plan to go beyond the general scope and to determine what we're going to do, when, who, and how much." The public is encouraged to come.

Collins

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It wasn't long before he took the first steps toward his lifelong career. In 1936, he was able to begin an apprenticeship as a carpenter; he quickly worked his way up into a superintendent's position.

"By the time the war started, I was actively supervising the construction of a lot of war housing," he said. "In 1945, I was able to obtain my own license and go into business as a general contractor."

That was the beginning of Marvin Collins Construction, well-known throughout the Bay Area for its successful commercial and industrial projects. The company did work as far north as Portland, Oregon and did housing projects in the islands for a time.

Collins sold his company to two of his own employees in 1981. He's proud that Larry Sanchez and Walter Commons have "carefully upheld the good reputation I'd built up over the years."

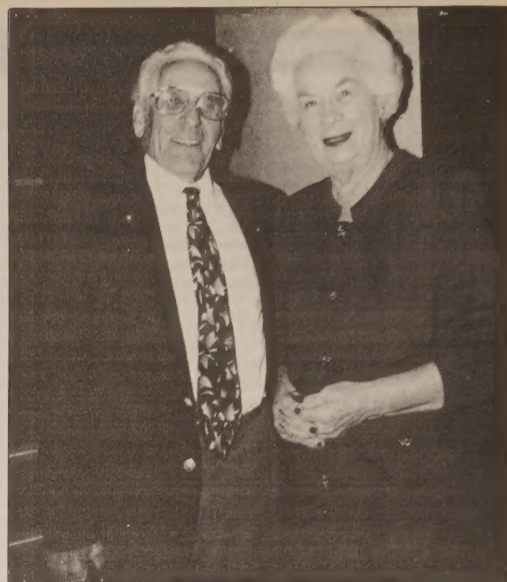
With so much volunteer work contributed to the community, it's hard to call Collins "retired." He says, however, "I enjoy retirement. We play golf as a couple (Marvin and Marge Collins are active in the Mira Vista Country Club) and have travelled all over the world together."

That's no exaggeration. The couple has travelled several times to Europe but has also enjoyed trips to Africa, New Zealand, South America, Japan, China, Australia and other exotic destinations.

"Some people think we're nuts, but mostly, we take our golf clubs with us," he said. "We often travelled with The Wide World of Golf and were able to play with the natives of the countries we've visited. It was a good opportunity to find out more about them and for them to learn about us."

Mayor Cathie Kosel presented the Wall of Fame recognition to Collins, who was nominated by the El Cerrito Rotary Club, of which he is an active member.

Kosel had a long list of contributions to read in presenting the award. Collins has organized many Rotary Club community service and capital improvement projects that have involved construction, including the two baseball dugouts and scoreboard at Cerrito Vista Park, the par course along the Ohlone Greenway, the refurbishing of the Chamber of Commerce building on San Pablo Avenue, the service club



Marvin and Marge Collins

signs at the entrances to El Cerrito, a wheelchair merry-go-round and covered patio for children at Cameron School, a safety railing along the Ohlone Greenway between Mooser and Waldo, and portable booths for use at the July 4th fairs and other city functions.

Collins joined the El Cerrito Rotary Club in 1956 served as its president in 1965-66, and is a Paul Harris fellow.

He is also a member, past director and past president of the Mira Vista Country Club, currently serving on its house committee, served as a member of the city's Civil Service Commission, and is a member and past president of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce.

Collins actually installed the entrance signs into the city for the Chamber of Commerce, on behalf of the Rotary: one at Potrero, one at the south end of the city.

Marvin Collins Construction built or refurbished "many of El Cerrito's finest buildings," including four elementary schools and the Sunset View Mortuary; Collins also received an award from the city for his development and construction of the Wildwood town homes, as well as community acclaim for his support for the Boys' Club and service and repair of its clubhouse (now the Contra Costa Civic Theater).

After receiving the award, Collins explained why he had insisted that the portrait be mounted on the wall be a picture "in shirt sleeves," not in a formal suit.

"That's the way I wanted it...to indicate a working man's image."

All the work described in the mayor's proclamation took "elbow grease and manpower," Collins said,

adding that for Rotary projects, for example, "my job is to supply the work force and equipment to do the projects, along with the supervision and inspiration to help participants achieve what they set out to do."

Essential to the success of those projects, he said, were the participation of volunteers from the Rotary and from among his own employees, the donation of equipment, materials and "free professional advice" from other contractors, and "the full cooperation of public agencies and public utilities."

"Without the generous contributions and cooperation (from so many people), many of these projects would not have been possible," he said. "So I feel a little guilty accepting this award. ...I want to extend this honor to all the participants involved. I want to share it with others, especially the Rotary Club."

Following Collins' comments, Kosel responded by saying, "you are as generous with your comments as you were with your time and service to our community."

As is so often the case with someone so heavily involved in the community, it's a couple affair. Marge Collins has also been a major contributor to making El Cerrito a better place to live.

She worked in her husband's business for many years and became very active in the business community, including the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce. Her interest in the health and welfare of the business community led her eventually to city council service: eight years on the council and a year as mayor of the city.

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ing a case for urban creek restoration in Albany

Codornices and El Cerrito are one of the most scenic areas in Albany. The creek, which forms a natural path to the Bay Trail, is already a popular spot for jogging and for most of this area there is undeveloped land on one side or the other

in all but a few places.

Codornices Creek, which forms our border with Berkeley, is also an excellent candidate for restoration from San Pablo Avenue to the Bay Trail for the same reasons.

The availability of open ground next to the creek is important because it leaves room to free the creek from its man-made, straight and narrow channel. A creek is restored by digging a new, wider channel

with a more natural profile. Native riparian vegetation is then planted along the banks to provide shade over the stream and habitat along the banks.

A wider channel provides greater capacity for carrying water in storms. Flooding would be greatly reduced or eliminated by restoring these two creeks, which both overtopped their banks in last winter's storms.

Creating a wider creek channel, without a concrete

lining, also helps to reduce water pollution. Stormwater flowing off of rooftops, and over streets and parking lots, picks up dirt, grease, oil, and other contamination. Running along gutters and down through curb grates into the storm drain system, this water is piped directly into the creeks without any treatment.

When a creek is restored, the wide, soil and gravel lined channel with vegetation along the banks slows down the flow of water and acts as a natural filter, removing much of the contamination before it reaches the bay.

This process is nature's way of recycling, so it is safe, clean, and does not harm plants, animals, or people.

Leading hydrologists and biologists believe that restoring creeks is one of the best ways to improve the health of San Francisco Bay. In fact, more pollution enters San Francisco Bay from stormwater runoff than from chemical factories, oil refineries, and sewage plants combined!

Native Americans used creeks as sources of water and food, and also as natural transportation routes. Walking

From the Mayor's Desk

By Mike Brodsky
Albany



along the bank of a creek is a natural way to get from the hills down to the shoreline. Thinking along these lines, Cerrito and Codornices creeks could once again become pleasant, safe transportation routes.

Building pedestrian and bicycle trails next to or near these two creeks would provide key trail links for walkers and bicyclists. In the case of Cerrito Creek, a continuous trail could run from the BART linear path to the Bay Trail. Along Codornices Creek, walkers and bicyclists could travel from San Pablo Avenue to the Bay Trail.

These two restored creeks, with adjacent trails, could be enhanced by landscaping to create linear parks, mini-green belts on both of Albany's borders.

Creating green belts on our borders would be a magnificent achievement for a city in such a densely populated metropolitan area.

Creek restoration, approached in this manner, would provide flood control, enhanced habitat in our creeks, water pollution control for San Francisco Bay, usable open space, and pedestrian and bicycle transportation routes.

The opportunity awaits us.

Announcement: Our next Creek Speak community awareness forum will be on March 27 at the community center 7 to 9 p.m.: Slide shows, historical photos, fascinating speakers, refreshments, prizes. . . come one, come all, tell your friends and neighbors.

Albany Kids' College (after school enrichment for middle-schoolers) Creek Freaks program is now accepting applications. Call Helen Munch at 525-3694 for information. Future creek clean ups: Jan. 20, Feb. 10, Mar. 23, Apr. 20, May 18; mark your calendar, bring the kids, call 528-5758 for more information. See you there!

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Recycle holiday material in El Cerrito

EL CERRITO — Presents, wrapping paper, ribbons, bows, boxes, and Christmas trees are all items used and enjoyed during the holiday season. Unfortunately, once the season is over, most of this material is wasted.

The staff of the city of El Cerrito Recycling Center have a few helpful hints on how to avoid excessive waste.

Gift Packaging

During this holiday season, packaging and wrapping materials are generated in tons. Gift wrap, if saved in large pieces, can be reused for future seasons and other holidays. Consider using reusable decorative gift boxes instead of wrapping paper.

These boxes, along with bows and ribbons, can be saved for future occasions. Get creative with your gift wrap. Use scraps of cloth, outdated maps, magazines, or even old greeting cards to add a unique and colorful touch to your packaging.

When shipping gift packages, avoid styrofoam; use air-popped

popcorn, or old newspaper instead. If you must buy wrapping material, look for products made from recycled material, especially those with a high post-consumer content. Gift wrap that cannot be used again can be recycled as mixed paper at the city of El Cerrito Recycling Center.

Remember to remove the unrecyclable bows and ribbons before recycling your holiday gift wrap.

Christmas Trees

El Cerrito residents may bring their Christmas trees to the city of El Cerrito Recycling Center for disposal. The trees will be chipped to make mulch. Free mulch from chipped trees is available year-round. There is no fee for the service this year, but the following

restrictions will be strictly enforced:

- No artificial or flocked trees will be accepted.
- Wreath, swags, tree limbs, and prunings will not be accepted.
- Stands, nails, tinsel, and all decorations must be removed.
- No trees will be accepted after Jan. 14.

• Service is available to El Cerrito residents only.

The city of El Cerrito Recycling Center is located at 7501 Schmidt Lane off of San Pablo Avenue. Our new hours are weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and weekends from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

If you have any questions, please call us at 215-4350. We hope you have a joyous and safe holiday season.

Obituary

Charlotte Gray

Charlotte Helen Davies Gray, 86, died Sunday, Dec. 10, in Oakland. She was born in Boise, Idaho, the only child of William and Louisa Davies, and was preceded in death by her husband, Reginald C. Gray. She was the mother of Bill Gray of Albany and Jean Youngson of San Antonio, grandmother of Michael and Patrick Youngson, and great-grandmother of Alexander

Youngson.

Gray was a graduate of UC-Berkeley and was a social worker in Alameda County, as well as a long-time resident of Albany. She devoted many hours to community activities of the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

Memorial services were held, with private inurnment in Porterville, Calif. Arrangements were handled by Ellis-Olson Mortuary, Albany.

Obituaries

FRANK R. BREKAS

December 14, 1995. Age 86. Concord, CA resident for 3 1/2 years, prior residence Kensington, CA 43 years. Native of Berkeley, CA. Owner-Operator Brekas Typesetting, Inc. in Berkeley from 1939-1975. Member of Berkeley Elks Lodge, International Typographical Union and S.I.R.S. Survived by his spouse of 57 years, Mary Brekas; daughters, Patricia Shamblin, Florida and Judi Flemmons of Nevada, and Karen Brekas of Concord; son Roger Brekas of Discovery Bay, brother, Anthony Brekas of Oregon and four grandchildren.

A Memorial Mass was held Monday, December 18, 1995 at St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord, CA. Private burial, Oakland Memorial Park.

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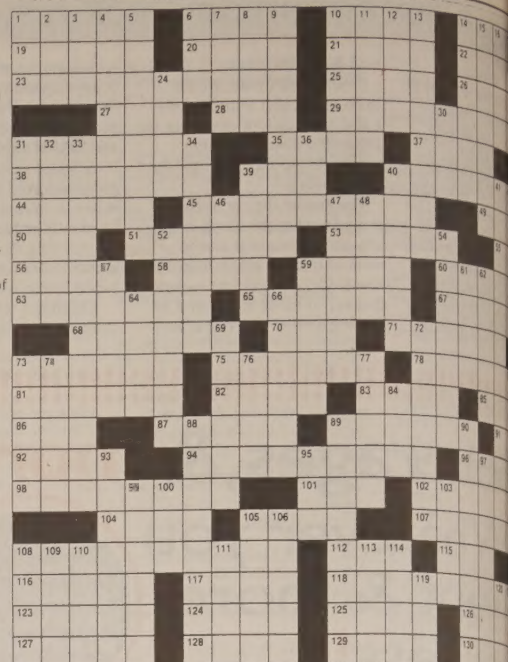
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El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

By Sewall Glinertnick

Albany Hill wins 1996 grant

Shopping Tip

Still have Christmas shopping and a budget that's down to zero? It's your problem, then it's our problem, too. We recently visited the recently-opened Good Stuff Thrift Shop at 1000 San Pablo Ave. One of the newer members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, the business is run by the Contra Costa Association for Citizens — a private, nonprofit group dedicated to improving the quality of life of people with mental disabilities and other developmental disabilities. We found at Good Stuff is a variety of items ranging from like-new exercise bike to women's clothing, jewelry, books and appliances. — all of it in good condition — is available, according to Betty Dubois, store manager and program director. We offer this merchandise at amazingly low prices," she says, "as our way of giving things back to the community and continue generous shopping."

Open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every Saturday, the El Cerrito store is staffed by parents of developmentally disabled, staff members who help out every hour, and concerned members of the community who volunteer their time. In addition to shoppers, coming to Dubois, Good Stuff Thrift Shop continues to need for small merchandise and other helpers. Anyone with clothing, furniture, household items, and anything in good condition, they wish to donate, may bring them to the San Pablo Avenue store. Those who assist with their items may obtain it by coming Dubois at 528-9455. Those wishing to volunteer their time may do so by phoning the number. Money earned at Good Stuff is used at a second thrift shop



City Councilmember Norman La Force (left) with Chamber President Vera Boyovich (right) welcome store manager Betty Jo Dubois.

in Concord goes to finance ARC's efforts to assist children and adults with disabilities caused by mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism and neurological handicaps.

ARC also maintains a production center which sub-contracts with area businesses for jobs.

"We don't depend on handouts," Dubois explained. "We teach our clients how to work as part of the community. We get paid for the jobs we do, and we pass that money on to our workers as wages."

"In addition we have trained and worked with over 200 adults who have managed to get jobs in the local community — 80 percent of whom now earn more than the minimum wage — and are now taxpayers citizens who depend less on the state for assistance."

Formed in 1965 through the merger of several small parent groups, the Contra Costa ARC has expanded its programs and service so that it assists over 500 children and adults daily.

According to Dubois, the El Cerrito store has long been a dream of her organization. Earlier this year, when the ARC Board finally formally approved the project, staff volunteers and parents pitched in, whipping the store into shape in two months.

President; Larry Sanchez of Marvin Collins Construction, Second Vice President; Charles Weaver, C.P.A., Secretary and Treasurer; and Vera Boyovich, Past President.

Results of the mail-in vote for the organization's Board of Directors were also announced.

Elected to continue on the board were: Rena Bruton, Bank of the West; Larry Seidell, Seidell Chevron Service; Bea Doherty, Doherty's Truck & Auto Rental; Michael J. Klinger, Sunset View Cemetery Association; Charlie Weaver, Certified Public Accountant; John Olivero, Olivero Plumbing; Gary Wong, Strings Italian Cafe; and Sil Addiego, Locators Real Estate.

A delicious buffet was enjoyed and an opportunity drawing held with prizes donated by FoodsCo, Greg Linton; Brad Anderson, Safeway #751; Sam Woods, Smart & Final; Harry Kiefer, Kiefer Furniture; Rena Bruton, Bank of the West; John Scalet, PayLess Drugs; Tom Malsbury, Emporium; Philip and Ginger Chang, Dream World Floral and Gifts; Yvonne Brooks, Dream World Jewelry.

Also, "Stoney" Stonework, McDonald's of El Cerrito; Albonico Brothers, Albert's Nursery; Joe Pena, Family Fair; Walter Wallace, Quorum Distributor; Gary Wong, Strings Italian Cafe; Cindy Wong, Golden Dynasty Restaurant; Bea Doherty, Doherty's Truck and Auto Rental; and Larry and Leona Seidell, Seidell Chevron.

Table favors were provided by Pat Malailua, The Mechanics Bank; Bill Kerber, Freeway Motel; and June Boblitt, Full Circle Travel.

The installation of officers will be held on Jan. 19, with more information in the January BYLINE, chamber newsletter. Present officers hold their offices until the installation.

Benefit Dinner

Chamber of Commerce director Gary Wong announced this week that his restaurant, Strings Italian Cafe in Del Norte Place, would host a pre-Christmas dinner at the Richmond Rescue Mission today, Dec. 21.

Strings will prepare a spaghetti dinner for 400 needy people and homeless families and deliver it to the mission.

ALBANY — The Friends of Albany Hill will receive one of 23 grants awarded for 1996 to support urban forestry projects to community organizations, tree advisory committees, and urban forestry groups around the state. The Trust for Public Land, the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, and the California Urban Forestry Advisory Council announced that \$98,000 was awarded through the National Urban Forestry Program for California, funded by the U.S. Forest Service.

Albany's grant of \$5,000 is earmarked to continue a maintenance project begun last fall at Albany Hill. The group received a \$4,250 grant last year.

"It will continue the tree care project in the oak woodlands we worked on this year. We are going to

remove a few more Eucalyptus trees in the oak forest and remove fire debris and ivy, its pretty similar," said Friends organizer Carole Fitzgerald.

"It's real nice to have gotten it again. I don't know how many times we can" (reap for grant money), Fitzgerald said.

CDF has contracted with the Trust for Public Land, a national land-conservation organization, to administer the grant program through California ReLeaf, the trust's urban forestry division.

"Getting citizens involved in grassroots urban forestry not only enhances urban forests throughout the state, but also teaches participants and the community the value and effectiveness of volunteerism," said Genni Cross, director of California ReLeaf.

Solano Avenue news

By Lisa Bullwinkle
Solano Avenue Association

Holiday entertainment this Saturday

Daniel "Stick Man" Kane enchants all with new-age holiday jazz at Half Price Books, 1189 Solano, from 2 to 6 p.m.

Guitarist Jessica Bryan will entertain the kids from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Solano's own children's cafe, Cafe Crayon, 1309 Solano.

A brass ensemble featuring members of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra will take a detour from their Carnegie Hall debut to play at Starbucks, 1799 Solano, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Members of the Albany Music Boosters can be heard from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Albany Theater playing traditional music.

A "live" Christmas tree will be strolling the 1500-1700 blocks of Solano from 4 to 6 p.m.

Free Parking!

Every day in Albany you can park for one hour for free! However, there is no free parking on Solano during the holidays as previously noted. If you received a ticket because of this, call 527-5358.

New Member

Tax and Bookkeeping Services (TBS) has moved to 851 Ramona in Albany. Virginia Cambour, the owner, is a member of the National

Association of Enrolled Agents; Director, Board of Directors of the San Francisco Chapter of the Inland Society of Tax Consultants; and Steering Committee member of the Bay Area Bookkeepers' Network.

TBS services include year-round income tax consulting, planning, advocacy and representation before the IRS and FTB; tax preparation; business start-up bookkeeping, either manually or computerized on Quickbooks or Quicken. Virginia can be reached at 524-7739.

The Association as a resource

In a recent survey of the businesses on Solano, it was discerned that the Solano Avenue Association and the Chambers of Commerce were not being used as a resource when a business needed help or information. Use us! We have all sorts of information such as business space rentals on Solano, contacts for problems with permits and licensing, garbage and recycling, neighborhood organizations, and more. Call the SAA at 527-5358.

Recycle your Christmas trees

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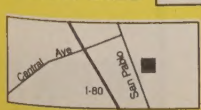


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Varied interests and experience at the root of artist's talent

The diversity of the art exhibited at the Library/Community Center in Albany is exciting. And the present colorful, active abstracts by Elizabeth Vahlsing are a large jump from the fine exhibits that preceded it.

It is Vahlsing's use of color and space that fascinates me, and I thought there must be a graphic artist in there somewhere, along with the painter-in-oils.

There is Elizabeth Vahlsing, who says she has been involved in the visual arts for 17 years, is a painter, graphic artist, book publisher, mother and sometime volunteer for teaching art in the Albany school system. This past year she taught an hour of art in the second-grade class of teacher

Dina Peterson at Albany's Marin School, where her daughter Lucy was a student. Son Drew is in the third grade.

And book publisher? Well, husband Tom Southern, who came to this area to work with Ten Speed Publishing, has his own publishing company called BOAZ. Elizabeth has given me a copy of their book, *It Could Be Verse*, subtitled "anybody's guide to poetry," by John Timpane.

Sorry, BOAZ, there are no capitals in the name, but it is a handsome paperback with wonderful pen and ink drawings throughout. The witty text is a must for anyone who has ever wanted to get back into reading poetry. Vahlsing, of course, did

all the art and design for the book.

She also does graphic design work for catalogs, annual reports and editorial advertisements for Science Magazine.

You have to come to the exhibit to see her paintings. I cannot describe them. In fact, she says she can identify her art but cannot describe it. It has to do with size, relationship and color. Her use of color is daring yet in some ways subtle. She pointed out some of the unusual colors in her shadings. I had felt the impact of them but had not identified the color itself.

Elizabeth Vahlsing was born in Princeton, N.J., and grew up on a farm "in the middle of nowhere," but about 20 minutes outside the

"big city" of Princeton. When she was 10 the family moved into the town where she went to school, and then went to high school at the George school, a Quaker school in Pennsylvania. This was where she first became interested in art.

"I got interested in a lot of stuff: theater, graphic art, photography, and mostly art, because of a special teacher I had named John Sears." And she added, "He made me feel that art is something you can do and be serious about, rather than it being just an activity on the side." At the end of her senior year the school gave those who were serious about art a full credit rather than an "extracurricular"

Community Folk

By Clara Rae Genser



credit.

Elizabeth went to Vassar College to study biopsychology. She continued to paint while there. Vassar did not have an art major, but had a really good art teacher.

She didn't want to go to "just an art school." The idea terrified her. She didn't want to concentrate just on the craft, but wanted to learn about a lot of things.

After two years she changed to

the University of Texas. There, in addition to psychology, she studied studio art, "and that was a great change for me." ("Studio art?" I asked. A college term for fine art which also entails other things such as printmaking, etc.) Psychology began slipping away and studio art and art history took its place.

After college, her very first job was "one of the high points of my working career." She thought, "See FOLK, page 10."



SENIOR LIVING



Forever fit: the importance of physical fitness in the later years

by Jerilyn Feitelberg

Feeling lumpy and bumpy? Finding it hard to tie your shoes or walk upstairs without feeling winded? Does your calendar and body indicate you are past 50 while your mind set is still age 25? If you have been wanting to exercise and keep in shape but have resisted going to a health club or gym and competing with the young hard-bodied spandex group, or if you feel that nothing can mitigate the aging process, the Phytess Connection in Montclair Village should be your next stop.

Laura J. VanHarn, Ph.D., owns and operates the Phytess Connection. A

graduate of the University of California at Berkeley, Laura competed in varsity basketball, softball, and track and field. While still a graduate student, she founded and coached the first women's track and field team. As an expert in sports physiology, Laura coaches and consults many world class athletes on an ongoing basis.

Her interests in the area of successful aging led her to open the Fitness Connection which is dedicated to reducing the effects of aging on the body through the use of sensible, individualized and well thought out exercise programs. Laura's goal in estab-

lishing the Phytess Connection was to develop a model health and fitness facility for people over forty; to create a place where this could be achieved in a supportive environment; to offer the specialized services unique to the over forty community, and, most importantly, to dispel the idea that aging and physical weakness are synonymous. The programs are tailored for each individual's specific needs and have been successful in reducing or eliminating post-operative pain as well as building muscle in seniors. Laura's belief that many mature adults prefer a quiet,

serene atmosphere combined with a certain amount of privacy and individual attention is an idea whose time has come. No one would disagree that regular exercise is the key to a healthy, active lifestyle. A regular program of exercise strengthens the heart and lungs, protects against the onset of adult diabetes, lowers blood pressure, keeps joints and tendons more flexible and helps to build and tone muscles. New research shows that exercise can improve the strength and mobility of people who are well into their nineties. The National Institute of Health reports in one of their studies

that men and women (ages 86-96) tripled their leg muscle strength by exercising with weights. Walking speed was also increased by this group as well as increasing knee flexibility. Needless to say, better flexibility, increased muscle tone, weight loss and a decrease in post operative discomfort increases feelings of well being, heightens self-esteem and improves the ability to handle stress and cope with anxiety. As the population of the United States ages and life expectancy increases consistently, a well defined program of exercise, combined with a comfortable non-threatening atmosphere such as the Phytess Connection offers, will have greater appeal to older people.

Magazines and Madison Avenue have long touted minimizing the aging process through the use of the newest wrinkle creams, moisturizers or exfoliants. Infomercials abound on TV touting non-surgical face lifts, face peels, skin bleaches to remove aging spots and every piece of exercise equipment from roller blades to butt tighteners. Some of these ideas may produce temporary cosmetic effects, but the key to mitigat-

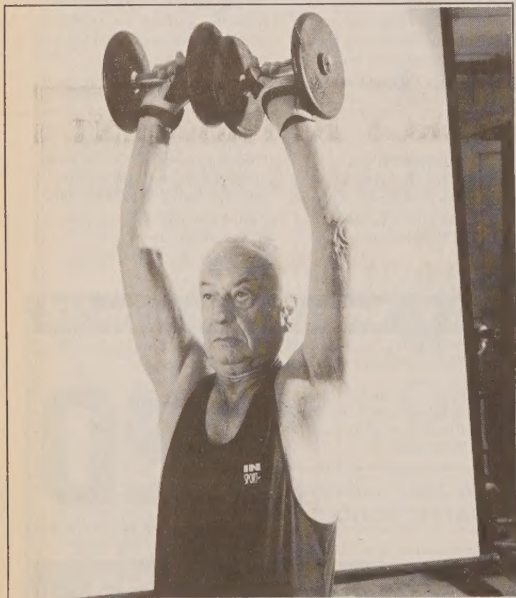
ing the effect of the aging process can be found in an exercise program designed to meet specific health requirements.

Not a gym, The Phytess Connection offers a private and semi-private setting and a facility that is easy on the eyes and gentle to the psyche. Many individuals in their 60's and 70's enjoy Laura's training program designed to meet specific health and fitness needs.

Her extensive background in sports physiology affords her the opportunity to speak over the country on the subject of "Successful Aging" to train other trainers to meet the special needs of "future" citizens.

In addition to special programs, The Phytess Connection offers therapeutic massages, rehabilitative work, showers, changing rooms and, best of all, warm, caring, professional atmosphere encouraging to become the best that can be.

Phytess Connection, Laura J. VanHarn, Ph.D., Fitness Director, 6116 La Salle Avenue, Oakland. The phone number is 510-339-7309.



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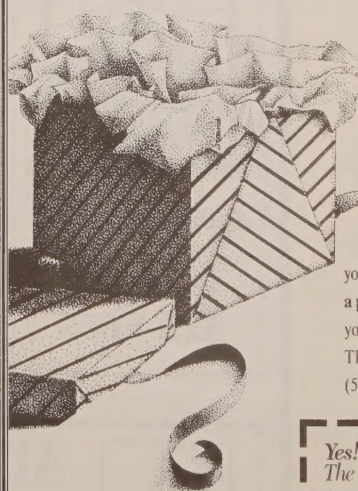


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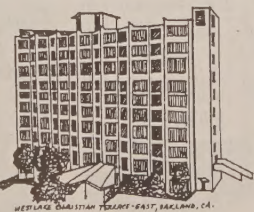
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Essence of Christmas event to benefit GRIP

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Advance ticket donation is \$10, and tickets sold at the door are \$15. All proceeds from the evening will go to The Greater Richmond Interfaith Program (GRIP). Children under the age of 12 will be admitted free. Child Care will be provided.

Along with singing many of the favorite songs and carols that we never get to sing enough will be a

program of Christmas customs, whimsies and antidotes.

The music for the evening is under the direction of Elizabeth Blumenstock, principal violinist of the Philharmonia Baroque.

For tickets call Sally at 232-1954. GRIP is a coalition of more than 20 Churches and a Synagogue in the Richmond, El Cerrito, Albany, San Pablo, Kensington and Pinole areas.

Through members' and community support, GRIP provides food for hundreds through the Souper Center. It has found stable housing for more than 50 families through Project Home Again.

design. She free-lanced for most of her career, doing catalogs and illustrations.

Elizabeth met Tom at the University of Texas, where they were "just friends." They met again in New York, married, and had their kids while she was still working at Bloomingdale's afterward, she went back to graduate school, where she was part of the Whitney Museum of American Art Independent Study Program.

The family came out here when Tom decided to go to work for Ten Speed Press, in Berkeley, where he works still.

"I wasn't really sure what was out here," she remembers, and adds, "it is very different from the

East Coast," and then, with a smile, "we love it now."

Every time they take a vacation they head in a different direction to really see and know California.

"We still have to do the northeast direction," she says. And, "You are always part of the land, even in San Francisco as well as Point Reyes — and Point Reyes is a geological phenomenon. For someone who grew up on a farm ..."

At the present time she is happy here. ("We love Albany."). She works for a catalog company in Marin County — a toy company. And, of course, she works with Tom on BOAZ.

She has shown her paintings in New York City; Poughkeepsie, N.Y.; Austin, Texas; and Buffalo.

This is her first exhibit out here. Do come see it. Get a snack at the Arts Cafe at the Community Center (open when the library is open), sit down and take a few moments to enjoy the 'color and space' of the Vahlsing paintings.

...
It was, of course, Polly Reinold, of the Arts Committee, who wrote to me about Elizabeth Vahlsing, and I'm glad she did. I have the postcard copies of her paintings lined up on my desk, enjoying them as I write.

I'm almost caught up on your suggestions. Please keep them coming — interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585.

SENIOR LIVING



Seniors At Risk By Misusing Medications

Studies show the person over 65 between two and seven prescriptions medicines and has more than prescriptions filled each. In addition, adults 65 purchase an estimated 40 percent of over-the-counter medicines.

extensive use of drugs may help explain almost 40 percent of severe drug reactions in people over 60, almost a quarter of a older adults are hospitalized each year for drug reactions to prescription or over-the-counter medicines.

of these incidents have avoided if correctly read the medicine for important safety information. These statistics prompted the Council on Family Health to develop educational materials for the safe and proper use of medicines for older Americans.

are among the largest consumers of medicines, they have a greater chance of experiencing reactions to medications than any other group," said Council on Family Health president William L. Bergman.

The Council has developed a brochure, *Medicines and You: A Guide for Older Americans*, designed to help older adults and their families understand the importance of reading the medicine label, how to take medicines safely and effectively, and why it is critical to discuss their concerns and questions with their doctors. It features tips on how to take medicine properly and includes a medicine chart to help older adults keep track of their medication schedules.

Also included in the brochure is important information about drug interactions. Some older adults are unaware that the different medicines they take may interact with each other,

causing the medicine to become less effective than intended, or perhaps even harmful. In addition, they may not be aware that certain foods and existing medical conditions may affect the way their medication works.

Some keys in the brochure include:

- Always read the medicine label before taking any prescription or over-the-counter medicine. It should tell you what you need to know about your medicine.
- If you still have questions, ask your pharmacist or doctor. Also ask if there are certain foods, beverages or medicines to avoid while taking particular medicines.
- When your medicine is prescribed, ask your doctor about drug interaction warning signs to note.

- Keep a written record of all medicines being taken - prescription and over-the-counter - in order to prevent potential drug interactions.
- Organize a medicine schedule at home to keep track of dosing times.

"To get the full therapeutic benefits of medicines - many of which can increase independence and reduce costly hospital stays - they must be taken exactly as directed," says former FDA commissioner Dr. Arthur Hull Hayes, Jr., chairman of the Council on Family Health.

Copies of *Medicines and You: A Guide for Older Americans* are available free by writing to the Council on Family Health, P.O. Box 307, Dept. NU, Coventry, CT 06238.



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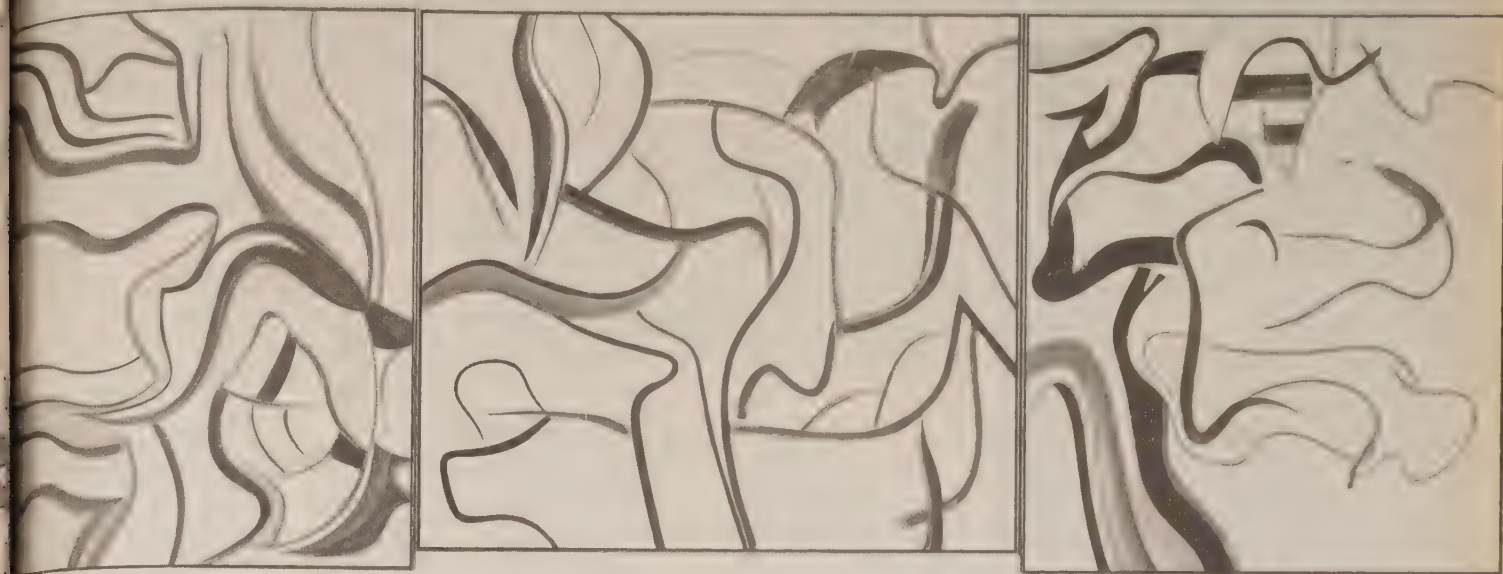


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de Kooning's triptych of three panels, each 70 by 80 inches, offered in 1985 to St. Peter's Lutheran Church in New York but eventually returned.

MOMA shows the last paintings of Willem de Kooning

David H. Wright

Willem de Kooning is in his house on Long Island Sound, advanced Alzheimer's disease at 91. He was one of the founders of the abstract expressionist movement, but he hasn't been able to paint for half a dozen years. For the seven years before his deterioration, however, he developed a distinctive new style in which he made large abstractions of which the best are on display at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art through January 7.

De Kooning had had bad times in his career, one of

them late in the 1970s. Just as he was touching bottom, his drinking out of control, his estranged wife, Elaine, moved into the house next door and took charge, persuading him to stay away from alcohol and organizing able studio assistants to enforce the cure and make his work easier. The paintings in this show are the result of that new arrangement.

When he started productive work again at 77, in 1981, the character of his canvases changed. He had been making thickly impastoed abstractions with landscape forms in them, and he had always had the habit of scraping off much of his work and painting over it

the next day. Now he used thinner applications of paint and controlled the scraping to give effects of transparency, revealing earlier layers, suggesting spatial recession. The forms were dominated by sweeping curves, vaguely biomorphic but not representational.

He had long measured himself against Picasso, but now he spoke increasingly of his admiration for Matisse, and that is the direction he was exploring. In 1983 the amorphous scraped and blended areas of color tended to become clearly defined shapes, usually yellow or light red, bounded by curving linear bands in blue or red. They emerge as grand energetic forms on a white

background.

De Kooning had always been a superb draftsman and now his assistants would get him started by enlarging an older drawing with an opaque projector and tracing it with charcoal on the bare canvas. He still scraped and adjusted but he worked to get unambiguous curving patterns. He was becoming more forgetful and distant in ordinary matters but he seemed to come alive when he concentrated on painting.

With Matisse and his Venice chapel in mind,

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East Bay events

Kwanzaa is coming

Alameda County Public Library continues its month-long program to celebrate the holiday season with Kwanzaa celebrations. Storytelling by Felicia, who has been at the library around the country, will be an entertainer at the celebration. Felicia, who has been at the library around the country, will be an entertainer at the celebration. Felicia, who has been at the library around the country, will be an entertainer at the celebration.



Information on the program, sponsored by Friends of the Library, call 649-3943.

Gift sale ends this weekend

The East Bay Area's largest cooperative of professional potters, the Berkeley Pottery Guild, is opening its doors for its 24th annual Christmas sale. Shoppers can purchase hand-crafted items at reduced prices directly from the artists. A friendly, informal atmosphere and free refreshments make shopping a pleasure. The sale takes place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday (Christmas Eve). In addition, a newly enlarged Gift Gallery opens through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Guild is located in the heart of West Berkeley's artisan community on Shattuck Street. Phone number is 524-7031.

Specialties in glass

A wide variety of glassware, including vases, bowls, and tumblers, as well as glass sculpture, are among the items for sale at Oak Hills Glass. Glass artists Bruce and Dari Gordon's work is on display at Nexus Gallery, 2701 Shattuck St., Berkeley, through December 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. In addition to their unique glassware, they will be showing pieces such as multicolored tropical fish and fan-shaped masks.



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A "blues" Christmas: Charles Brown returns to Yoshi's with holiday hits

By Pat Morgan

Musically speaking, legendary blues pianist Charles Brown owns the holiday season in the Bay Area. No one else has two songs on the all-time top-10 Christmas song list, "Merry Christmas Baby" and "Please Come Home for Christmas," have topped the R & B charts every Christmas since Brown wrote and recorded them in 1946.

These ballads highlight the annual Christmas performance by a man whose musical influence extends far beyond Christmas and these two songs. This year Charles Brown owns his holiday magic at Yoshi's NiteSpot through Christmas Eve.

Recognized as a primary influence on everyone from Ray Charles



to Sam Cook, Brown created the original West Coast blues sound in the late 1940s before he slipped into obscurity for several decades. During this time, only the enduring popularity of his Christmas songs rescued him temporarily for a few weeks each year. Today, however, Brown's recording and club performance schedule is greater than ever, and his Christmas show is the hottest nightclub event of the season.

The story of Brown's odyssey back from obscurity is nothing less than a classic blues fairy tale.

Born in Texas, a college graduate with classical musical training, Brown was a chemist when he first came to Berkeley in early 1943. Within a year, he had become a professional pianist and singer and moved to Los Angeles where he soon joined up with Johnny Moore to form The Three Blazers. His first number one hit record was the classic "Drifting Blues" which catapulted him to fame in 1945. Brown's distinctive mellow and sophisticated urban sound often compared favorably to Nat King Cole. In this period, he played with the best musicians, in the best nightclubs, and enjoyed a "rich and famous" lifestyle.

Changing musical tastes in the

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Sabrina still delightful second time around

And if you haven't seen the first one, try that, too

By Renata Polt

Sometimes it pays to have a lousy memory. Take, for instance, Sydney Pollack's *Sabrina*, a remake of Billy Wilder's 1954 classic starring Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart and William Holden. If I had a more vivid memory of the original, I might have enjoyed the new *Sabrina* less.

Thinking about the old film, I kept confusing it with another Hepburn vehicle, *Love in the Afternoon*; as a result, the new picture came as a complete delight.

I had such a good time I almost forgot to take notes.

Sabrina is a thoroughly modern fairy tale set on the northern Long Island shore — Gatsby country. You

could think of it as "Gatsby Meets Cinderella."

The Larrabee family — the Gatsby element — lives in a many-servanted mansion. Tomboyish, teenaged Sabrina (Julia Ormond), daughter of the family chauffeur, Fairchild (John Wood), has a major crush on David Larrabee (TV host Greg Kinnear), the playboy son, who of course doesn't know she exists. The serious, workaholic son, Linus, is played by Harrison Ford; dragon lady mom Larrabee is Nancy Marchand, wearing a series of outrageous outfits.

Sabrina is shipped off to Paris to work at *Vogue* (great, relatively unclimactic Paris scenes), where, after she gets over pining for David, she begins to blossom. When she returns two years later, she's so transformed that David, who doesn't recognize her at first, falls for her, endangering not only his engagement to surgeon Elizabeth Tyson (*Picket Fences*' Lauren Holly) but also the joining of the Larrabee fortune to the Tyson fortune by means of a business merger.

Frothy, funny, and refreshingly innocent, *Sabrina* superbly does what it sets out to do: entertain.



Julia Ormond, Harrison Ford

Juried exhibition winners to discuss their work at Berkeley Art Center

Fourteen awards were announced at the reception for Berkeley Art Center Association's 11th annual National Juried Exhibition.

Constance Lewallen, independent curator, selected five artists in printmaking for awards of \$100 each: Katherine Aoki of Berkeley, B. A. Beavers of Minneapolis, and Michael DalCerro, Rodney Ewing and Sylvia Solochock Walters, all of Oakland.

Asake Bonani director of the Bonani Gallery in San Francisco awarded Helen Breger of Berkeley, Bob Freimark of Morgan Hill, Terry Hoff of Pacifica, Thomas Ellis Jackson of Oakland and Sigmund

Shawkey of Akron, Ohio, \$100 each.

Sandra Phillips, curator of photography at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, awarded Valerie Jacobs of San Francisco, \$200 while Audrius Pliplys of Chicago, Cynthia Rettig of San Francisco and Sibila Savage of Oakland each received \$100.

Awardees Aoki, Hoff and Savage will show slides and discuss their work tonight, Dec. 21, at 7 p.m. at the Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. in Live Oak Park. Spiced cider and cookies will be served.

Admission is free.

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East Bay events

On display in St. Helena



Andree Leenaers-Smith, Berkeley watercolorist, is the current featured artist at Freemark Abbey Winery, 3022 St. Helena Highway North in St. Helena. Her paintings will be on display until February. For information call 843-4956. The Belgian born artist has painted extensively in the Napa Valley, Europe and Mexico. Her current show includes fall scenes from Yosemite, Napa Valley and winter bouquets.

Renaissance Christmas Eve

On Sunday, Dec. 24, The Festival Consort Renaissance band will present its sixth annual Renaissance Christmas Eve at Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. The concert will start at the special early time of 7 p.m. to allow audience members to attend late services or social events.

The program will include Renaissance motets and fantasies by Praetorius, Hassler, Byrd and Isaac, as well as medieval carols and seasonal folksongs. All performers will wear historical costumes and play authentic period instruments including shawms, sackbuts, gemshorns, crumhorns, recorders and hurdygurdy.

The Festival Consort is California's oldest established early music ensemble, founded in 1976. It plays many concerts each year, both locally and on tour. The Consort has produced several recordings and is the official band of the Renaissance Pleasure Faire and The San Francisco Bay Christmas Revels. Box office number is 845-8542.

Museum hosts family Hanukkah party

The public is invited to join the fun at an Art Deco Hanukkah Party on Dec. 25, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Judah Magnes Museum, 2911 Russell St. (in the Elmwood District), Berkeley.

There will be light refreshments, music, storytelling, dreidel games, and activities for all ages, such as making an art deco Hanukkah menorah. Costumes of the art deco period (such as for women, non-fitted dropwaist dresses, long pearls, sashes, cloche hats, etc.; for men, tight belted jackets, white suits, wingtip shoes, jacket and vest, etc.) are welcome but optional. "We particularly hope that single-parent families looking for a pleasant, welcoming, family-oriented festivity at this time of year will take advantage of this opportunity," noted museum public relations director Paula Friedman.

Families of all faiths are invited. Visitors may also view the Magnes's exhibitions "Beyond the Pale: Lithographs by Louis Lozowick" and "The Inquisitive Eye: A New Look at Favorite Magnes Paintings."

Herbie Hancock in town

Kimball's East presents the Herbie Hancock trio with acoustic jazz at its finest, through Dec. 24.

Truly a legend in his own time, Herbie Hancock began playing piano at 7 years old and was performing with the Chicago Symphony by age 11. His twin passion, electronic science, also began to develop around this time. Later in college he majored in both electrical engineering and music. Eventually his two passions merged into a long and very unique musical career.

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Lawrence Hall of Science presents everything from real bats to acrobats, sonar to synthesizers, and bunnies to ballerinas for a festival of holiday fun.

Programs for the whole family include exhibits, music, dance, and a special holiday schedule of daily exhibits, planetarium shows, and the LHS Biology Lab. These special programs are free, after museum admission:

■ **Ballet Russe Russian Christmas Celebration**, Tuesday, Dec. 26, noon and 1:15 p.m. Experience the dazzling artistry, lavish costuming, dynamic movements, and energetic music of one of America's premiere Russian dance ensembles in a showcase of rich Russian traditions, history, and culture.

■ **Gary Lapow—Light Up the Lights**, Wednesday, Dec. 27, noon and 1:30 p.m. The popular troubadour returns with a multicultural song festival to celebrate many different aspects of the winter holiday season, including traditional songs from many cultures and Gary's original compositions.

■ **Red Panda Acrobats**, Thursday, Dec. 28, noon and 1:15 p.m. Sit on the edge of your seat when Nancy and Wayne Huey bring the 2,500-year-old tradition of Chinese acrobatics to LHS. Seemingly impossible acts of balance, dexterity and flexibility will make you gasp in suspense and cheer with delight!

■ **David Young—Sounds and Songs of the Synthesizer**, Friday, Dec. 29, noon and 1:15 p.m. This show will sweep you into the 21st century and may change the way you listen to music. David Young, a classically trained musician, shows how the use of computer technology has changed the way new sounds and music are created.

De Kooning

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he remarked in an interview in 1983 that he would like to undertake a project for a church. This led to a commission from St. Peter's Lutheran church in New York, which had already commissioned sculpture by Nevelson and Pomodoro. In the fall of 1985 he delivered a triptych of three panels, each 70 by 80 inches; he had painted them as separate canvases but he decided they would work well together; it is hard to imagine a grand abstraction more joyous and life-affirming.

His dealer priced them at \$1 million, but de Kooning offered to give them to the church. They were installed on trial behind the altar but the issue had become hopelessly controversial within the church. One proponent gave a generalized Christian interpretation of the sequence of colors in the design but the leading opponent took the position of puritanical 16th-century iconoclasts and objected that anything of this sort in the sanctuary would detract from the liturgy. Eventually the triptych was returned to the artist, and what would surely have been one of the grandest religious installations in our time was abandoned.

In the course of 1987 de Kooning's episodes of dementia became more frequent and his strength was waning. His main assistant resigned, explaining that his job was becoming that of caregiver rather than studio assistant. De Kooning continued to make some paintings but by 1989 it was clear that he was no longer in control of his work; Alzheimer's was the diagnosis and conservators were appointed to take charge of his affairs.

When Curator Gary Garrels organized this exhibition he had to decide how far to extend the coverage. He gathered a distinguished group of curators and also the painter Jasper Johns, and the group spent two days reviewing all the last paintings. They decided to extend the list into 1987, one year further than in previous exhibitions.

Nor are the last the least. The last one in this catalogue is brimming with energy and still has coherent form. The execution shows careful blending of colors in the curving bands, and the enclosed areas of yellow have brush strokes designed to imply a slightly curving surface. Undoubtedly his hand had a motor sense of rhythmically curving form but at this time his mind was still in control. This is a tribute to the enduring human spirit.

But it is also appropriate to step back and consider these works in a larger perspective. Tempting though it is to compare the magnificent paper cutouts Matisse made at the end of his life (when he delighted in being able to "draw with color") these decorative abstractions do not have such depth of expression.

There is more of that in de Kooning's haunting figure paintings around 1940. Historically, his most important contribution was his abstractions of the late 1940s, which laid the groundwork for much of New York abstract painting; his wildly expressionist series "Woman" of the early 1950s was also very influential. Even so, these final abstractions are a splendid coda to a great career.

David Wright is a professor of art history at UC Berkeley.

Blues by Brown

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emerging rock 'n' roll era set the stage for later misfortunes. Unlike Cole, Brown never crossed over to a white audience, remaining solidly within the blues domain. And Brown was plagued by other misfortunes: a divorce, tax problems and a family responsibility combined to send him into obscurity for almost 30 years.

During the 1960s and '70s, he traveled around playing small venues. In the mid '80s, he "retired" on a small pension and moved back to Berkeley. He was able to secure a studio a senior apartment building subsidized by the American Singers Association, a black gospel organization. His music gigs were largely limited to performances of his Christmas songs in small clubs around the Bay Area. As music critic Joe Selvin described in 1984: "Every Christmas season, Charles Brown becomes the black Bing Crosby."

In the late 1980s, the music

world rediscovered Brown with the national attention resulting from the award-winning documentary *That Rhythm, Those Blues* based on the lives of Ruth Brown and himself.

Among the artists helping Brown reenter the national arena, was Bonnie Raitt, whose own career was rescued by John Lee Hooker a few years previously. Others like Dr. John helped in the production of the five new albums Brown has recorded in the past five years. The first, *All My Life* was nominated for a Grammy award in 1990.

After the recently-completed second world tour with Raitt, Brown is only now in his "heyday" as a blues performer, as evidenced by a huge international following, performances in large concert halls and stadiums, and new award-winning top selling recordings. In return, the Bay Area receives a special Christmas treat each year: what Billboard calls the "ebullient, warm and effortlessly suave" music of Charles Brown.

Sabrina

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Though nobody can replace the ethereal Audrey Hepburn, Julia Ormond, with her slight British accent and piquant, not-quite-beautiful face, makes a perfectly acceptable substitute. Harrison Ford metamorphoses from a homburg-wearing uptight businessman into something close to a *mensch*.

Aside from John Wood's coal-black fright wig of a toupee, the film is a feast for the eyes, from Ormond's elegant outfits to the cozy interiors of the chauffeur's quarters where she and her father live.

And now I have to make an admission: After starting this review, I went out and rented the original *Sabrina* (it wasn't easy to find a copy, let me warn you) just to see what my memory was cheating me of.

I can report that the remake is very close to the original, even to

Barbara Benedek and David Rayfiel's screenplay, which often follows Ernest Lehman, Billy Wilder and playwright Samuel Taylor's original. Of course there are updates: Audrey Hepburn went to Paris to attend cooking school, not to work at *Vogue*; David's fiancée was a society girl, not a surgeon, and Dad Larrabee, who has disappeared from the remake, ran the company rather than his wife. And the Larrabees were in plastics, not communications.

As romantic leads go, Humphrey Bogart, I'll have to admit, doesn't jiggle my synapses in the original *Sabrina*. Unlike Harrison Ford, he never ceases being the rigid man of affairs, and I don't mean affairs of the heart.

Audrey Hepburn, on the other hand, is enchanting beyond words. See the new *Sabrina* first; then rent the video and see what we've lost.



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By Frosene Phillips

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Tony and Francine Orlando, Bud E. Luv, Buddy Nash, Judy Davis, George Unsworth, Arif Khatib, Skyler Jett, Nepata, Jack Eschridge, Mario Peroni, Kip Addotta, Jon and Ann Fox, Larry "Bubbles" Brown, Tracy Forrester, Sue Murphy, Ross Bennett, Ken Sonkin, Carol and Mike Love, Steven Meyer, Pete and Juanita Escovedo.



■ MARTIN SNAPP

Have Yourself A Generic Little Christmas: First of all, let me wish you a very merry Christmas.

Yes, Christmas. (Or, as we call it around here, "the C-word.")

When did Christmas become a dirty word? When did it become *de rigueur* to say "happy holidays" instead?

It's enough to make you throw up. We've genericized my favorite holiday out of all recognition. And for what?

I hate to say it, but I think it was to spare the feelings of people like me. You know: Jews.

Well, all I can say is: Don't bother.

Oh sure, I appreciate the gesture. It's nice that somebody thought about what it's like to be a non-Christian in a Christian culture. Especially for kids.

I remember some awkward moments during the Christmas assemblies of my youth, particularly during "O Come All Ye Faithful," when we came to the words "Christ the Lord."

What to do? If I didn't sing, I'd be marked as an outsider, the last thing any little kid wants to be.

On the other hand, if I did sing, I was sure God would strike me dead with a lightning bolt on the spot.

So I compromised. I lip-synched.

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But even though I momentarily felt embarrassed, I still loved those Christmas assemblies. I loved those beautiful carols. And I especially loved the Christmas story itself.

What could be more moving than the tale of a poor young couple looking for some shelter where she can have her baby? Everyone gives them the cold shoulder until she has to have it in a barn, for God's sake. (Literally!)

Throw in the star in the east, and the shepherds watching their flocks by night, and the three wise men, and you have a story that still resonates, 2,000 years later.

Of course, young people don't get any of that nowadays. I doubt if schools even have Christmas assemblies anymore.

Christmas is controversial, you see, and the rule these days is that if anything is controversial, out it goes. If you don't believe me, take a good look at your kids' textbooks.

They hardly mention Vietnam, or the civil rights movement, or the Holocaust.

Or even something as innocent-sounding as Christmas.

In these days of tight budgets, a single lawsuit can sink a whole school district. So it's easier to avoid the risk by dumping anything that could possibly offend anybody.

As a result, you end up throwing out the baby Jesus with the bath.

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Joyful Noise: Meanwhile, a lot of people have been asking me how the sidewalk Christmas carol concert for Joseph Charles, the Berkeley Waving Man, went.

To tell the truth, I wasn't there. I had emergency surgery the day before, and the doc wouldn't let me go.

But Municipal Court Judge Julie Conger did go, and here's her report:

"I got to his house five minutes early," says the judge, "and there was nobody there but me and the mayor. We looked at each other and thought, 'uh-oh!' The mayor said, 'What if nobody comes? I don't want to sing all alone. I can't carry a tune!'"

"But all of a sudden, about 50 or 60 people materialized from all directions. By the time we were finished, the number had risen to more than 120. They were young, old, black, white, gay, straight, male, female — it was sooooo Berkeley."

"We sang all the carols on the song sheet, and when we'd run through all of those, we started on Hanukkah songs."

"Mr. Charles loved every minute of it. He stood looking down on us from his living room window, and he 'conducted' us wearing his trademark yellow gloves. He seemed very moved."

"I can't remember when I did something that had so much of the true spirit of Christmas. Nobody wanted anything, nobody was selling anything, nobody was pushing their political agenda. It was just a bunch of strangers coming together to sing to a man we all love."

"It was so much fun," adds the judge, "we all said the same thing when it was over: 'We have to do this again next year!'"

Got the message? Same time, same place, next year. And next time I promise to show up.

In the meantime, if you want to send Mr. Charles a get-well card, let me repeat his address: 2819 Martin Luther King Way, Berkeley 94703.

Merry Christmas. And As Mr. Charles would say, "Have a GOOD day!"

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Creeks

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ways becoming dug-up mounds of mud and concrete and later, densely vegetated, restored creek beds.

Also speaking was Jeff Haltiner, a San Francisco-based consulting hydrologist who has done creek restoration projects in Walnut Creek and Berkeley. Haltiner said that in recent years engineers have been looking for better and more environment-friendly ways to deal with creeks and urban planning.

Taking the audience back to a time in the 50's and 60's when the Army Corps of Engineers habitually paved over and fenced off urban waterways, Haltiner explained that multiobjective, people-friendly approaches to creek engineering can be just as safe in terms of flood danger, as well allowing communities to have direct contact with nature in their own backyard.

Brodsky showed 130-year-old photographs of the Albany waterfront, providing a glimpse of the time when the land which now houses Golden Gate Fields was a marsh of pickleweed and cordgrass.

Brodsky hopes that by spring 1996, the first actual restoration project in Albany can begin along a 200-foot stretch of Codornices Creek. He eventually hopes to see restoration of Cerrito Creek from BART down to the Bay Trail and Codornices from San Pablo Avenue down to the Bay, with bicycle and foot paths spanning the length of each.

"With public support, Albany could celebrate the new millennium with restored creeks flowing on both borders," he said.

Volunteers and staff from Americorps Water Watch, which has been doing monthly creek clean-ups on Codornices and Cerrito Creeks since September, urged the audience to pitch in and help clean up Albany's creeks. Last month they pulled a full ton of trash out of Codornices Creek, including 16 abandoned shopping carts.

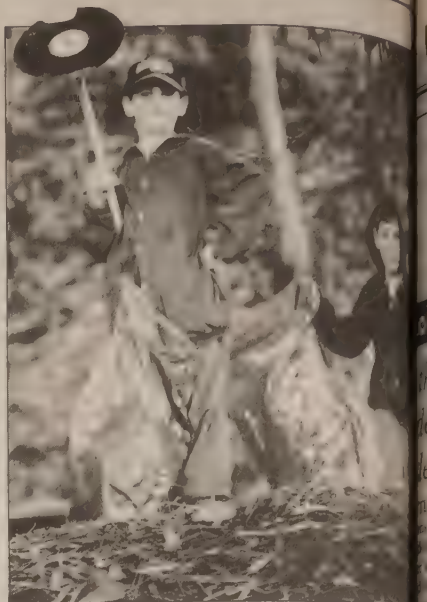
Volunteers are welcome to participate at the next clean-up on Saturday, Jan. 20, at 10 a.m. Call 642-7313 for more information.

Audience reaction to the forum was positive.

"I'm glad somebody's finally doing something," said Carole Fitzgerald, a local artist and six-year member of the Friends of Albany Hill. Fitzgerald said she particularly enjoyed the historical aspects of the presentation, and that she is looking forward to creek restoration projects in Albany being completed.

In the East Bay, successful creek restorations have taken place in many urban areas, including Walnut Creek, San Leandro and Richmond.

The next Albany Watershed Lecture Forum will be held Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at the Albany Community Center. Call 642-7313 for more information.



Ben Bruso, 7, and Tony Kerman, 7, both from Albany, hold an old record found near the creek.

Garbage

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the excess trash outside on their normal garbage day.

Many of the proposed changes in service were recommended by the city's Integrated Waste Management Task Force in its report to the city council last spring.

"These things take time," said Randall, praising the group for its detailed work in looking at the most efficient and effective ways to provide garbage and recycling service to El Cerrito.

The change in rates, however, is the responsibility of the West Contra Costa Integrated Waste Management Authority and was approved at its meeting last Thursday night. Rates are set by the Authority and are passed through by the cities involved. Each city is represented and negotiates with its own franchisee.

The city of Richmond has three representatives: El Cerrito, Pinole, San Pablo and Hercules each send one. Mae Ritz represents El Cerrito on the Authority.

The hike in rates is associated with the opening of the new Integrated Resource Recovery Facility Jan. 1. The IRRF is privately owned and operated, but the Authority's rate structure will provide the revenue stream the company needs to repay its construction and

operation costs.

The facility will serve as a transfer station for West County. Some separation of commercial waste is initially planned (cardboard and wood, for example); waste will be loaded on longhaul trucks and taken to the Potrero Hills landfill.

Operated by the Richmond Sanitary Service, Potrero Hills was awarded the contract for the refuse following an open bid process.

In future years, when the landfill closes, the IRRF will serve as a transfer station for garbage to be transported to a new landfill in Solano County.

Each city pays a different rate for monthly garbage collection, since collection costs are different, and each city negotiates with its own franchisee. Just as each city closely examines the operating records and profit structure of its own vendor, the Authority examines the records of the landfill provider, and a mutually acceptable rate is determined.

The new rate for El Cerrito will be \$16.73 per can. Disposal costs of \$1.94 have been removed; the entire cost will increase by \$3.72, resulting in the net increase of \$1.78.

The El Cerrito rate also includes the city's \$2.70

recycling fee. It is still the lowest in West County. Pinole's is next lowest at \$18.01. The others are \$3 higher, according to Randall.

Another change recommended by the task force was to switch from backyard to curbside pickup of weekly garbage and for the (anticipated) greenwaste pickup. Randall said residents would be able to apply for exemptions, however, if they need backyard service.

Wheeled cans would be provided for bulky and greenwaste. They're easier for residents to use, said Randall. As a result, the pickup staff, said Randall, as a result, the truck will now have just one staff working on two; the second person will move over to the bulky truck.

All the anticipated changes are best accomplished the same time, said Randall, who anticipates they would be at least six months from now.

All the changes, including a restructuring of the pickup staff, said Randall, "better efficiencies of operation." In addition, he hopes we'll be able to stabilize rate increases in the future.

Traffic

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and access at the BART station.

Community development manager Gerry Raycraft asked the city council at its Dec. 18 meeting for consensus to move undertake six mitigations recommended by the study.

• First, staff will contact all bus companies providing service to the station from the north via I-80 to ensure that they stop or will stop on the west side of San Pablo Avenue at Cutting.

"They don't stop on the west side, and casual carpools just walk across the street," Raycraft said.

The change will allow casual carpools who travel by bus to access Church's Chicken, where the pickup takes place, without crossing San Pablo during the morning commute.

• Second, the city will continue to work with the county and the city of Richmond to coordinate signals on San Pablo.

"We've worked with Caltrans through the intersection at Cutting," Raycraft said. "It breaks down at Conlon, where the county controls the signal. Then you move into the city of Richmond."

Raycraft said he has called Richmond's city engineer and is hopeful that representatives of all four jurisdictions (including Caltrans) will soon meet together to coordinate all the signals.

Council member Norma Jellison noted that all the traffic boxes on the Avenue already have the equip-

ment necessary to synchronize signals.

"It's just a matter of the jurisdictions coordinating," she said, recommending that staff "be aggressive and persistent with Caltrans" as "the only way" to get things done with that agency.

• Third, the city will coordinate with Caltrans to install appropriate signage and barriers in the block between Hill and Cutting "to preclude jaywalking," Raycraft said. The signs will direct pedestrians to existing crosswalks at Cutting on the north side and Hill Street on the south.

• Fourth, the city will request that AC Transit relocate the southbound bus stop now in front of Church's Chicken to the north side of Cutting and San Pablo "or another block down," he said. "Again, the goal is to cut down on jaywalking."

With the bus stop move, passengers would be dropped at existing crosswalks on San Pablo.

Jellison believes moving of the bus stop will help, "but we need physical barriers," she said. "People park at BART and walk across the street to casual carpool. The only way we can stop that is with physical barriers."

Jellison suggested that El Cerrito consider designating safer zones for casual carpooling as some other cities have done.

• Fifth, the city will install a passenger loading area on the north side of Cutting Boulevard at the Ohlone Greenway (BART path). This will allow passengers to

be dropped off and picked up at curbside on the travel lanes on Cutting.

Council member Jane Bartke noted that the study used to have a passenger loading zone and that other BART stations have such areas.

"We're the only ones that don't have that," she said, requesting that staff also look at the station where, because of construction changes, also losing the drop-off zone."

• Finally, staff will monitor all proposed developments in the area, especially the potential for Eastshore Boulevard, in order that appropriate mitigations be undertaken.

All the mitigation efforts were approved by three members of the council in attendance at the meeting.

"These are real sensible recommendations," said mayor Cathie Koser.

Resident Peter Loubal was the only one to address the council on the study. He expressed concern about the increasing of traffic in the area with planned FoodsCo center development and the proposed theater development.

Currently, an Environmental Impact Statement is in relation to the theatre proposal. That is a major area of study for the consulting report, which will also include recommendations.

District

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Suzi Ronfeldt, a fifth grade teacher at Cornell, also spoke against hasty action.

"I was looking through the board packet and saw this list and was stunned we hadn't had input. I immediately thought, 'what about class size reduction?' We have been at 30 and 31 students for the most part and class size does have to be looked at. We have been stretched really thin. It's the most basic concern for us," she said.

Board members agreed that district program needs require a high priority, but said decisions on the subject should be shifted to next year's budget deliberations.

"I think there is consensus that trying to add something in mid-year at the middle school would be a problem. While it's an interesting list it's not terribly useful in (that) context. We should be looking to 1996/97," Board President Alan Riffer said.

Riffer also refuted the idea that the board was acting without proper input from teachers or others.

"This is a process we've been going through for months. It has been well known what we have been doing," he said.

Boardmember Peggy Thomsen added that the need to fill the administrative position, which was cut from the district's budget three years ago, is apparent.

"I believe that we've talked and we need somebody who can help articulate the curriculum. We are in the business of instructing students and we need one person who can bring the groups together and organize and

coordinate curriculum and instruction," she said.

Hudson also warned that the district could be in dire straits if the position remains vacant.

"I think Albany has been walking a real tight rope for some time. What we are trying to do is support a rich program and we can no longer do that," he said.

While board members rallied around the idea that reinstating the administrative position should take precedence, School Boardmember Ed McManus suggested a scaled-back position in order to save money.

"I still have yet to hear what I consider a good rationale for not having a director of curriculum instead of an assistant superintendent. It's cheaper and accomplishes the same thing," McManus said.

Hudson defended the higher level position.

"I think the person gets a higher level of support and cooperation that goes with the title. I feel that's not giving them right level of support," he said.

While other board members seemed to agree with the concept, they ended up voting for the director's position, with the idea of having money left over to allocate elsewhere.

Board Vice President Marsha Skinner said she'd like to "look at a menu of possibilities" for spending that will have a direct benefit to students.

"I had asked that in addition to program restoration we also look at some deferred maintenance. I personally would like to not restrict ourselves to looking at program requirements. I'm concerned if we're not going to be able to carry that through to 1996/97," she said.

Collins

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the council was to further business in order to get it to the attention of the city."

Her other commitments include executive director of the Soroptimists Club, is a long-time active member of the Republican Women's Club, and served as president of the Congress of Republicans.

She also volunteered time working with the schools. The couple has six children between them, she belonged to four P.T.A. organizations, Collins has 12 grandchildren.

Only two other council members were expected to attend Monday's meeting. Both commented on Collins' contributions.

Norma Jellison agreed with that the council had made best demonstrate his self-efficiency.

"They're an example of the kind of people we need," she said.

"He just does things. He doesn't want to be thanked for all the effort it takes to get those things done."

As far as Jellison is concerned, "many of those who taught me to be involved. Many of those who taught me to be involved. Many of those who taught me to be involved. Many of those who taught me to be involved."

Bartke went on to say that many people in Cerrito have come about with the help of volunteer work crews.

Coach

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That is one of the reasons many observers say Mariucci was picked for the head coaching job this time over Notre Dame assistant Bob Davie, to bring that offensive explosiveness back into the program.

Mariucci, the quarterbacks coach for the Packers, has his mind set on offense. He has a penchant for trick plays and the passing game, which he showed during his offensive coordinator days at Cal.

He is going to be calling the offensive plays for Cal. He'll have an offensive coordinator, but as Mike Holmgren does for the Packers, he said he'll still take control of play calling. "I need to teach this system to the coaches," he said. As a Cal assistant from 1987-91, Mariucci spent his last two years here running the offense under former coach Bruce Snyder. He helped the Bears to a 7-4-1 record and a Copper Bowl victory in 1990. He continued that success by running the offense for the 1991 Cal team that went 10-2 and won the Citrus Bowl.

Snyder left that year for a job at Arizona State that year. Mariucci went for the job, but was passed

over for then Washington assistant Gilbertson. The program faltered. Gilbertson was fired. When Mariucci tried for the job a second time it was under a different athletic director, John Kasser. This time Mariucci finished first.

Home again

Mariucci was clearly at home again at Cal, looking out at the reporters and recognizing longtime beat writers.

His wife Gayle is from California and he wants his three children—Tyler, 11, Adam, 9, and Stephen, 6,—to have permanent friends and go to school in this area. He said he will look for housing on the other side of the Caldecott Tunnel as soon as the Packers' season ends.

Mariucci is a freshman head coach with a freshman attitude. If a fresh attitude will help, the Bears could once again finish in the winner's circle, which translates to a Bowl game.

It will take the kind of guy to get quality high school players to join this team, a team that has faltered over the past few years since he left.

Mariucci knows the right things to say and how to get people excited. Those qualities should help

land some new recruits, who until now may not have been looking at Cal because of the coaching absence.

Because Mariucci is still employed by the Packers he cannot get involved in recruiting just yet, although he is looking for a way around that NCAA stipulation.

He has already hired Dan Ferrigno, an 18-year veteran in the college ranks.

Ferrigno's most recent job was at Oregon State, where he coached on both sides of the ball. One of his best skills, however, has been recruiting and he has already started for Cal.

Although Mariucci would not comment directly on it, it should come as no surprise when he signs a promising new quarterback to shore up that key position.

Mariucci wants to employ the West Coast offense. He compared that offense to a jet fighter and said that fighter has to have the weapons, starting with a capable QB.

Mariucci has shepherded Brett Favre into the NFL as one of the best new quarterbacks in the league. Any young high school quarterback should be impressed by that.



—Jeff Lindquist

Cal A.D. John Kasser, right, presents his new football coach.

When queried about defense, Mariucci said his team was going to be hitting opposing QBs from the second they get off the bus. Talk like that should please those high school prospects.

Mariucci said if he cannot find enough talent at the level he seeks, he will pass some scholarships over to next season and fill some spots with junior college players.

Other coordinators and coaches

will be hired before the end of this year.

The recruits will also come. But first off Mariucci wants to put his house in order.

He feels this has to be a team effort from everyone for him and the program to succeed.

"We've got to be a Cal family here," he said.

"That's my aim. That's how I anticipate it to work."

Slipped

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ing an early lead. MSJ won, but barely, pulling out a 3-2 win over the over-achieving underdogs from El Cerrito.

Fast forward to the 1995 season. All of the excitement produced by a high-performing team last year has disappeared, along with seven graduating seniors and two other key offensive players.

Last week, as the Gauchos finished their preseason, they were a

somber 0-7. By Game 7, roster changes were still being made due to the paucity of experience, experienced players.

A tough schedule didn't help, with games against Richmond and Piedmont, the top two teams in the ACCAL last year.

The watershed moment was a 7-0 loss to Mt. Diablo on Dec. 7. Following the game, Gonzalez made some personnel changes producing an immediate improve-

ment, a 2-1 loss to Pinole Valley seven days later.

"It was a game that easily could have been 1-1, or 2-2," said Gonzalez. "We were a young team, with mostly juniors and sophomores, playing a senior-dominated Pinole team. I felt very good about the results."

"If we had played that way against Mt. Diablo a week earlier, we would have won, no doubt about it."

The first move was to put Xongdeth Chaymony and sophomore Danny Ursini in the front line, using two instead of three forwards. The next was moving Matt Siegmund from stopper to right halfback and inserting a freshman, Brad Moschetti, as stopper.

Rigoberto Andrade, another sophomore, was put into the sweeper position, with senior Dan Bovarsson sharing time at the po-

sition.

With both goalies graduating from last year's team, EC's defense was suspect. Richard Ugaz, a junior, looks like the starter, with backup from freshman Ryan Winfrey and Andrade.

Sharing the midfield with Siegmund will be Dan Peterson on the left and Mark Moschetti at center mid.

Both were varsity players last year. Behind stopper Brad Moschetti will be Bovarsson at left fullback, Shawn Elzie at center, and sophomore Chris Ingram on the right.

The Gauchos are young and moderately experienced, but the team chemistry looks good. And if their opponents learned anything last year, it was to never count out El Cerrito.

At the end of the season, precisely at the stroke of midnight, look for a green and white chariot filled with a bunch of soccer balls, Gauchos and smiling faces.

Happy Holidays

Soccer

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Sharing time in goal were freshmen Elizabeth Watty and Marisa Greenberg. Assists on two of Leonard's goals were provided by Preisler and senior Miriam Vazquez.

The win moved Albany to 4-2 in preseason, and dropped Benicia, a member of the Mission Bay Athletic League, to 2-4-1. Albany has two more games on the docket before starting its season in the Alameda-Contra Costa Athletic League in January.

On Dec. 28, the Cougars will play Concord at 1 p.m. at Cougar Field. A game at Antioch, postponed because of rain, is likely to be played next week at a date to be determined.

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a season-opening home loss to Santa Rosa.

Jamaal Bennett (36 points) and Donny Davis (40 points) joined their all-tournament teammates in averaging double figures in scoring during the Logger Classic, as EC improved to 5-3 with six games left in the preseason. At this point I think we are catching up to where we should be," said. "It's tough playing on the road, away from home. You look at the preseason schedule and try to determine what your record should be after a certain point, but there are variables that get factored in that you can't account for at the beginning."

One variable that may have kept the

Gauchos from winning the championship and returning home with a 6-2 record was the absence of Jamaal Cotright, Jamaal's twin.

Jamaal, who along with his brother was an all-tournament selection in De La Salle's Vontour Spartans Classic, and who's blue-collar play complements his brother's flashier game, was sick and missed all three games.

Thursday, EC defeated St. Bernard-Eureka (6-1), 70-62, in a game Huber called "the best we've played all year." Jones led the way with 14 points, 8 assists, and 7 rebounds.

In the second round, the Gauchos beat Arcata (4-2), 59-50. The difference was EC's long-range arc work.

Bennett, Jones, and Davis each had two 3-pointers.

The trio accounted for 35 of the team's 59 points. Cotright led EC with 14 points. Huber considers the last six preseason games as the toughest part of the preseason, a way to prepare the team for league play.

EC played Pinole Valley last night and hosts Berkeley tonight at 7 p.m. Tomorrow, the Gauchos travel across the Bay to take on St. Ignace. EC returns to the San Francisco school next week to play in the school's tournament.

"Hopefully, we can win 2-of-3 games each weekend, and end the preseason with a 9-5 record," Huber said.

Cohn

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question, Kevin. That's to my main theme. Even the Raiders still have a game to play, even though still could end up in the postseason, and there could win the Super Bowl get real.

Al Davis has to fire Mike White when the over.

It's not that the Raiders finish with a mediocre record. That can happen. It's that they have come to the point where they folded, lost the football, showed no signs of improvement. These are damning but they are all true. The explanation for the collapse is always the same. "It's puzzling," is what someone told me. The demise is not White. The real explanation for what happened is the Raiders are "uncoachable."

I don't buy it. The uncoachable when it's 8-2.

Sorry, but I blame the team regressed and the foggiest idea of what it.

He should get out of his own head, but an ulcer or starts coming the spirit world. He should suggest. He should be a taxidermist. He should be practicing right away. Players, many of whom are dead for weeks.

After Davis fired him, he should fire himself for this ridiculous situation. No, that's not the right should fire himself. He should grasp, for letting himself him by.

That's the worst of it.

St. Mary

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two early fouls. St. Mary the ball over five minutes sessions.

"Our guard play in Caraballo said. "That's a really good game. It was and day when he was."

Heading into the break, what kind of first-year coach gives his team? "I'd give an C, with an A for effort. "We'll both get better progresses."

St. Mary's next game day in the Livermore area.



Nancy has looked at places all over Oakland and believes none of them quite compare to the Oakland Museum.

The Oakland Museum of California's strong emphasis on our state's history is unmatched, claims Nancy. "It has terrific natural sciences and art exhibits. The grounds and the building itself are also quite remarkable."

Nancy should know. She's a real estate agent. A wife, a mother. And, with a family history of osteoporosis, a prime candidate for the disease. With three daughters, this is something Nancy isn't taking lightly.

Nancy used her professional instincts to select a hospital. "Summit was warm. The people were friendly. I felt I was in the right place, and in the right hands."

There, Nancy received a bone scan. Plus a list of options—like estrogen therapy—that can help prevent osteoporosis. And keep her browsing museum galleries for a long time

Nancy Taussig beside one of the Museum's many modern sculptures.



... been making a list, checking it twice and here's the results

Christmas: It's the coldest Christmas, and all the Nielsen households ... Take two: This is our wish all you readers the holidays. And to say all the kind and talented Bay Area media who help the news flowing to you

around the dial, we'll start 11-12, where a Season's ... goes out to station Judith Morgan Jennings husband, Dean. Judith is the most respected and well- ... in ANY business I've ... Deck the Halls with

sky-high Nielsens for Kevin O'Brien, Channel 2's elf-like general manager, and may there be no shortage of exclusives next year for Fred Zehnder, KTVU's Santa-esque news director, and his fine legions. Speaking of which ...

Happy Holidays to KTVU's newsroom crew of Tony Bonilla, gifted producers Mike Kelly and Craig Heaps; we also hoist a wassail to producer and ex-Tribble Roland DeWolk, a guy who even makes ostensible newsroom Grinch (but we know better) executive producer Earl Frounfelter, seem like an optimist. May Santa also bring many joys to the homes of manag-

ing editor Jim "Blaze" Branson (saw you on MacKenzie's special last night, Jim!) and peerless writer-reporter Bob MacKenzie ... May there be a new T-1 computer line in the stocking of always-upbeat operations boss Bob Hirschfeld ... May the Yuletide bring book offers — or at least more wire stories about Lobster Boy — to the homes of talented newswriters Alex "Barney" Case and Chris Abrahamson. May the genial anchor team of Dennis Richmond and Elaine Corral enjoy 10:00 ratings that stay up on the rooftop ... And may "Mornings on 2" co-anchor Frank Somerville get a new

Porsche to replace his current reindeer, and may the Oakland Gospel Choir sing sweet carols at the home of the upbeat Faith Fancher ... Finally, may program manager Carolyn Chang find another "Seinfeld" all gift-wrapped ...

Over at Channel 4, here's wishing that Santa brings anchor Pete Wilson all tees and greens on the golf course, and may a chorus of angels assist helpful publicist Jodie Chase, who now does four jobs instead of just three ... Our best Yuletide wishes go to weatherman Zach Berkowitz and to news director Stan Hopkins, and may BayTV's John Kabasakalis'



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Alameda home be filled with Yuletide joy and presents ...

Deck the newsroom at Channel 5 with best wishes to G.M. Harry Fuller and to exec John Catchings (John gave roughly half the people in Bay Area media their first jobs, it seems.) Our non-sectarian Holiday Best to peppy anchor Marcia Brandwyne, and to her co-anchor Bill Schechner ... Another wassail we toast to reporters Ann Fraser and Manny Ramos, and may Santa serve as a permanent rooftop weather observer for weatherguys Brian Sussman and Bill Martin, and may the Red Wings finally win a Stanley Cup for weekend forecaster Steve Paulson ...

Glad tidings to Channel 7's Leslie Jones, the ever-helpful publicist, and a Merry Christmas to weatherman Joel Bartlett, transplanted Southerner Dan Ashley, morning anchor Sydnie Kohara, and reporter Ed Leslie and his wife, Carol Ivy ... May General Lee himself deliver presents to film editor and Civil War buff Ray Weiss, and our holiday best to producer Jill Coughlan, whose Santa-like Dad, Russ, we all still miss ... Here's hoping that Dr. Dean Edell's reading glasses are in many stockings this year, and that elves (or seven dwarfs, for that matter) can relay the message to the incoming Disney folks that the merry Jim Topping is a first-class general manager ...

May Jolly Old St. Nick leave plenty of (politically correct) goodies at the home of KQED publicist Tina Bachemin, exec Holly

Krasner, pledge guy Greg Sherwood, and a heartfelt dancin' Mele Kalikimaka to my old Hawaiian pal, Channel 9 general manager Mary Bitterman ... Across the building, Oyo to the world to Jewish-humor lecturer, KQED-FM talk host, and overall mensch Michael Krasny, my faithful e-mail correspondent.

Speaking of radio, may the two cute daughters of KGO's Ronn Owens and KCBS' Jan Black get lots of goodies from Santa, and may Jolly Old St. Nick also linger at the East Bay home of Big 98.1's Steve Garland and that of his colleague, Sam Van Zandt ... May KGO/KTVU's Brian Copeland and his wife Mary and their three kids have a great Christmas at home in San Leandro, and the same to former KBLX air talent Trish Bell and her little Adam ... Happy holidays to KCBS news boss Ed Cavnagaro and his family, and best wishes for a smooth transition to Westinghouse. Speaking of which, may the East Bay home of KPIX Radio general manager Blaise Howard be filled with yuletide joy, and may KPIX sales guy and radio encyclopedia Chris "Time Machine" Edwards and his wife have a happy holiday up in Novato ...

... And again, the best for last: A great holiday season to all of you wonderful readers!

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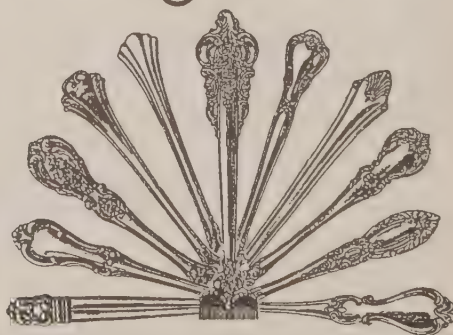


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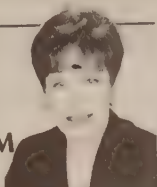
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The inspectors might have a liability if they fail to discover defects you hire them to find. It's a good idea to use a home inspector who has errors and omissions insurance. Such insurance can help pay such a claim.

Before hiring a house inspector, don't be afraid to ask if he or she has errors and omissions insurance. Not all house inspectors do.

Be aware that most house inspectors attempt to limit their liability. These limitations vary, but the amount could be as low as the inspection fee, which is usually only several hundred dollars.

Check the contract that you signed with the inspector at the time

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TOTAL SALES: 4
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TOTAL SALES: 31
LOWEST PRICE: \$80,000
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AVERAGE PRICE: \$228,000
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that the inspection was done because a liability limitation will usually be included there. If there is a limitation, check with a real estate attorney to see whether it is enforceable.

Problems that have developed in new homes may be covered under a contractor's warranty. Even if the contractor didn't give you an explicit written warranty on workmanship, state law may provide protection.

Call a knowledgeable real estate attorney if you need more information on a contractor's responsibilities to the consumer.

New appliance systems (a furnace, air conditioning or plumbing) and roofing materials may be covered by manufacturers' warranties. If the builder gave you a home warranty plan from a third party, this may cover the defect. However, there are exclusions to coverage and the homeowner often has to pay a deductible.

Minor problems in older homes may be covered by a home warranty, if one was purchased. The plans usually cover the major systems of the house and its built-in appliances. Some warranties offer limited roof coverage with the possibility of a deductible.

In most cases, you'll want to try to get the defect fixed without having to go to court, which can be expensive and time-consuming. Start by documenting the problem. Call an inspector or a licensed contractor with expertise to diagnose the problem and give you a bid for repair or replacement.

Mail a copy of the diagnosis and bid to the sellers and their real estate broker. Write a letter explaining the problem to accompany these documents.

Offer to resolve the issue amicably. If this doesn't work, call your attorney for advice. You may decide to use small claims court if the problem will be inexpensive to fix.

A statute of limitations, which sets a legal time limit for making a complaint, may apply. It's best to raise the issue with the parties you suspect to be responsible as soon as possible.

Dian Hymer is a broker associate with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and the author of *Buying and Selling a Home in California* (Chronicle, 1994).

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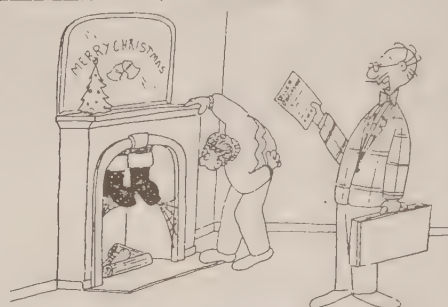
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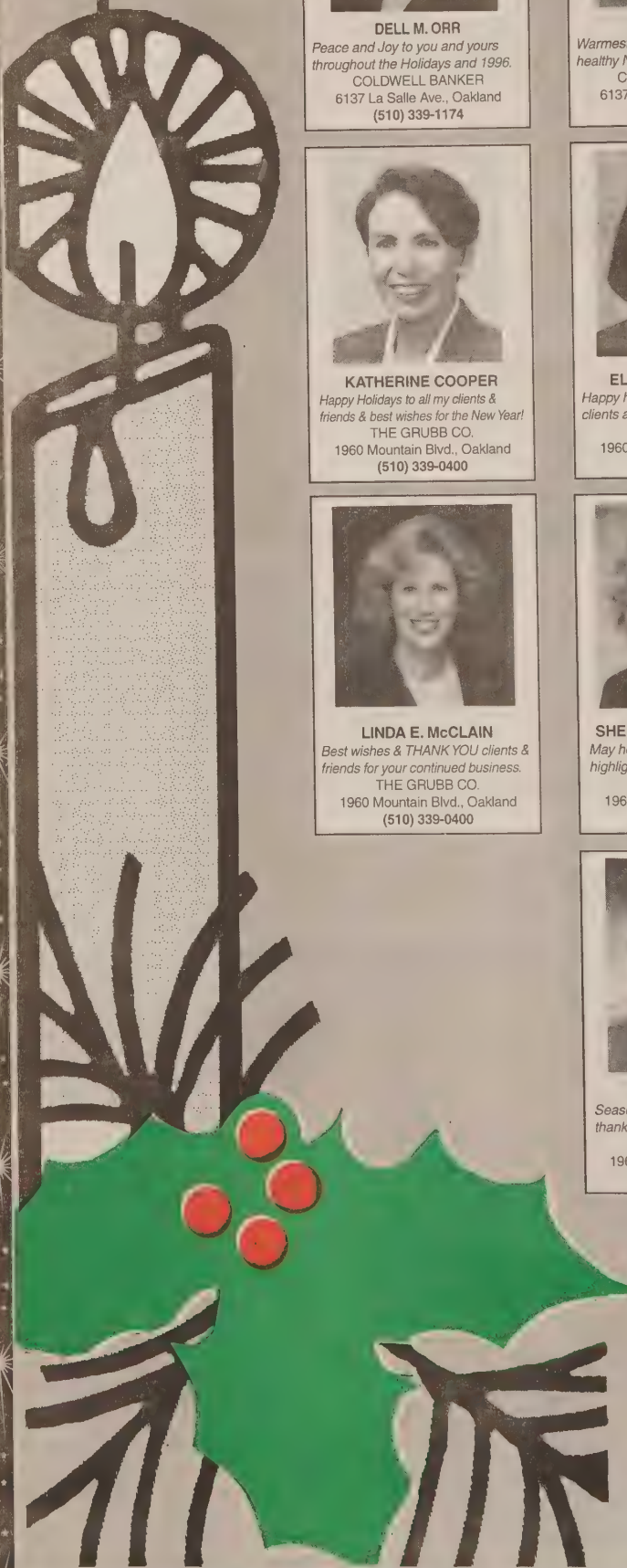
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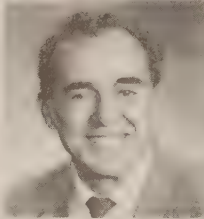
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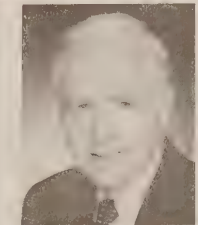
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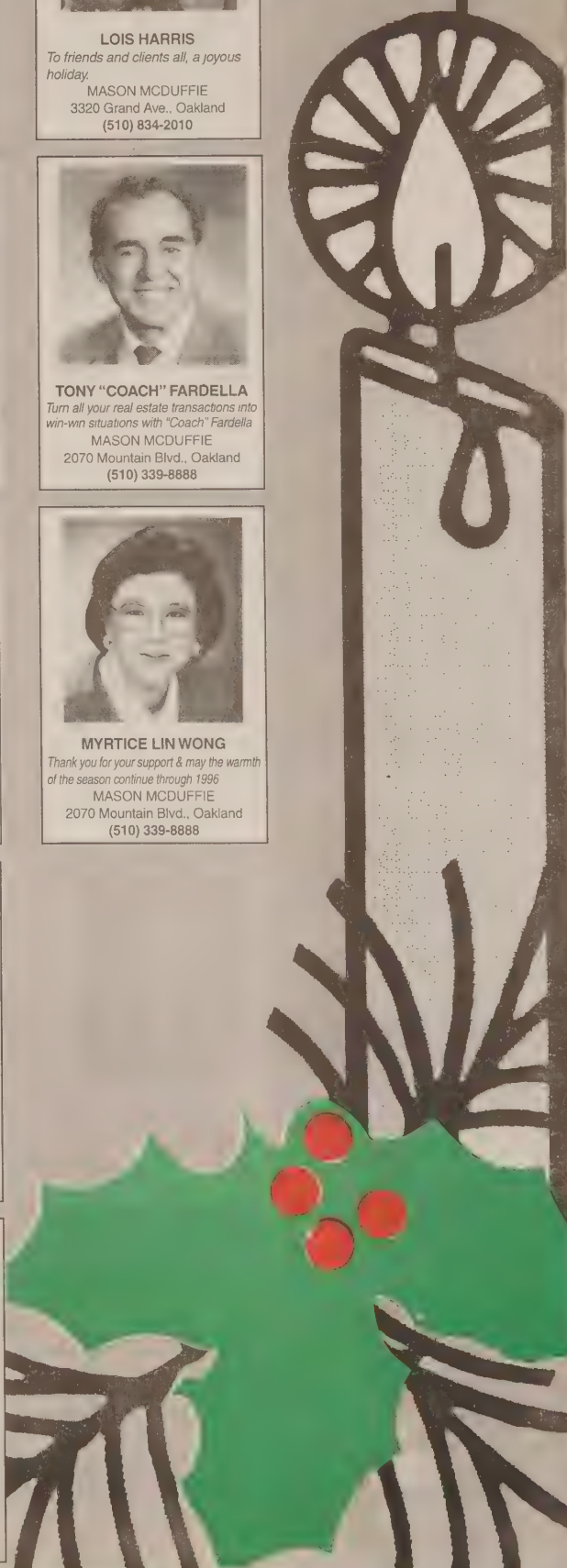
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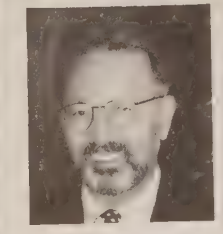
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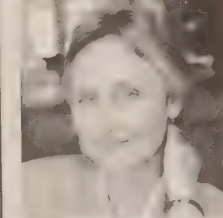
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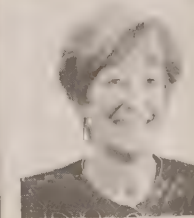
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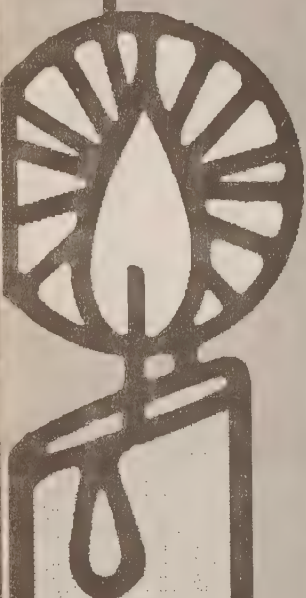
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TRANSPORTATION

101 Autos

ALL Autos Wanted Full Internal Revenue Service Tax Deduction for 1995 to help the Homeless Children Please call at 415-871-0865 We need Vans, Cars, RVs, Trucks. Thank you

CHEVROLET, Half-ton Truck, 1967 Strant body, good motor and transmission \$2500 or best offer 530-7089

CHEVROLET 1954, souped up, \$6000 Volkswagen 1/2 bus, 1/2 truck, \$5000. Car 530-6396

JEEP Wrangler, 1992 Hardtop, 4.0, custom body, custom sound system w/amps/rms, phone, alarm, includes custom trailer Best offer 635-5255

106 Repair - Parts & Service

Before You Buy That Car
Call Vehicle Inspection Service. Mobile We come to you Dan (licensed) 231-9961, pager 412-7904

BULLETIN BOARD

As a community service The Hills Newspapers is pleased to offer Forum, Greeway and Lost ads free of charge (maximum 15 words for 2 weeks)

201 Announcements

BOY Scout uniforms Clean out the closet and recycle them to help youngsters. Leave at The Montclair office, 6208 La Salle Ave., Oakland

JOLLY Santa available for parties or private visits to good little boys and girls. (510) 532-1036

FOREIGN Student. Can you share your home and family with a 17 year old Colombian high school student? Excellent home needed for Fall/Winter 1996. Expenses paid, reasonable help in home okay English speaking family only. Call sponsors at 523-6732

BERNDT LANDSCAPE

Wishes you a Happy Holiday and thanks you for your support throughout the year

202 Events

CAJUN Zydeco Dance every Friday night 8-12:30 Dance lesson 8-9 Live bands Elysia, 2255 Santa Clara, Alameda

205 Workshops & Classes

SCULPTURE classes, van der Zanden Studio Home, tax returns, competitive skills minimum, 3 years experience. \$10-\$12/hour. Resume, letter by December 29th to: Bookkeeper position, 414 13th Street, Suite 350, Oakland, CA 94612

206 Found

KITTEN, orange/white, 4 months, white face collar. Woodview Ave., Piedmont, December 10 420-3006

FREEWAY rescue, starved female, honey colored shepherd mix. Urgently needs foster/adoption home 531-9596

207 Giveaway

URGENTLY need temporary foster homes for homeless kittens/cats Assistance provided Marc 510-444-3204

FREE Sofa. Excellent quality. Needs recovered or slip covers 232-2602

MALE orange tabby, 1 1/2 years, friendly, affectionate, neutered. Donor: J.J. (510) 654-6059

TWELVE week old male Tabby kitten. Friendly. Donor: (510) 846-1845

WE are 2 homeless cats (1 1/2 years) needing a home "Boots" boy, "Curly" girl 843-4908

FREE Rottweiler, male, AKC, to good home only Fully trained 352-3668

CAPTIVATING, friendly, playful, lovely markings, 3 month, 20 pound, healthy, Shepherd/Rottweiler, female, shots 655-0353

CHRISTMAS kittens, (5), adorable hand-reared, 6 weeks, very playful, energetic. To good homes 357-8786

208 Lost

LOST cat, chocolate, Point Siamese, blue eyes, big tail, 17 pounds, College/Broadway Reward 652-1211

LOST gray Tabby with tag, "Willie Ohlemutz", December 13th, on Hollywood Dr., Montclair Call 531-1472

EDUCATION

302 Childrens Schools & Camps

408 Caregiver & Domestic Help Wanted

PART-TIME childcare in Orinda, boy 7, girl 5. Non-smoking, own car, hours vary. Call 253-9619

HOUSEKEEPER, afternoons, cook dinner for two, do shopping, Rockridge 658-8914

409 Childcare Wanted

SEEKING live-in to pick-up 2 year old from day care, 5 days. Some babysitting and housekeeping. Separate garden room and bath above Mills College. Maria (415) 421-0288 days. (415) 732-3930 evenings

CHILDCARE, two terrific girls, ages 9, 12, 3-6 p.m., Monday and Tuesday, home car, good references. Montclair area, 339-3388

CHILDCARE/Housekeeper, 4:30-7:30, Monday-Friday. Light housekeeping, driving, cooking. \$1745. Suburb, near 6802, Original Picasso/Dali lithograph, Paintings By Listed Artists, two oriental screens, estate jewelry, Persian rugs, other quality items. 444-6959

PICK-UP seventh grader, afternoons El Cerrito, transport to Albany (5 days). Need own transportation. 524-5354

NANNIES

Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No free Moms Away, 559-9195, 803-1040

CHILDCARE, Monday and Thursday 3:00-7:00, need car, fluent English. 268-9301

AU PAIR, live-in, Berkeley family, 2 young children. Driving, must love kids, references, non-smoking. 848-8196

TWO girls 10 and 13, 2-6 p.m. Tuesday and Friday. Pick-up after school, drive to lessons; do shopping, etc. Must have own reliable car, insurance, excellent references. 339-9174, evenings before 8.

NANNY wanted, live-in, 30 hours/week, room, board, salary, Orinda, Call Lorraine 527-5694

AU PAIR, 8 year old girl, Berkeley. Live-in plus salary. Cheerful, responsible, must drive. 524-5278

410 Shared Childcare

NORTH Berkeley family seeks baby/toddler to share babysitting with 18 month old in our home. Sister is very experienced, dependable, loving. References. Prefer mornings and 25 hours/week. 524-1256

411 Childcare - Licensed

WONDERFUL daycare home, Glenview area has openings for 2 year olds. Carolyn 530-9413. License #10214577

FAMILY day care in Kensington, age 0-4. Feel free to come and visit. Sonoma, 528-8909. License #073400315

BEST of love and learning for all ages, Crocker grant. Debra 763-7380, license pending #03411267

412 Babysitting Offered

EXPERIENCED and licensed childcare provider will babysit 2 children. Call Lena 658-4334

EXPERIENCED, loving nanny, mature age, excellent references. Call Patricia 865-2674; 865-8583

413 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 408.

A CARING CONNECTION

Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

ABLE CARE INC.

Personal, quality 24 hour live-in and companion care for the elderly and handicapped in the comfort and security of your own home. Bonded and insured. 510-685-4704

RELIABLE, caring, responsible. Nice car, great references, nursing license. Cooking, errands. Appointments made, housekeeping. Great personal care. Van 655-7073

ELDERLY care, live-out, your home, 5 days a week. Experienced, 799-3024

FINANCIAL**501 Businesses For Sale**

RESTAURANT, Oakland, great location, well established, reasonable sale. 530-2716

502 Business Opportunities & Services

Advertisers in this classification offer self-employment opportunities. An investment may be required.

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?

Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product position.

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle, Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611.

MOTHER EARTH WANTS YOU!

Fight pollution and make money. Full or part-time. 510-527-8872

HOME Business and fantastic K-12 curriculum for CO-RD tutoring and home schooling. Free demo (610) 534-7929

FOR SALE**602 Appliances**

WASHERS and dryers. Kenmore-Whirlpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Delivery available. 548-4419 anytime

603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?

See **Clip 'n Go** on the 1st page of Classified Ads

605 Home Furnishings

15th ANNIVERSARY SPECIAL

Buy 2 or more custom mini-blinds this year and we will clean them free of charge next year. Call Marsh Interiors at 569-7540 for details

MATTRESS Sets, Twin, \$69, Full, \$109, Queen, \$169, Sofa, \$299, Sofa with loveseat, \$399, Bunkbeds, \$229, Chest-bed, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From consignment. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 866-8127

BEAUTIFUL glass top dining table for 6 with six padded chairs (Soft Rose). \$350. 523-3336

VICTORIAN Home Kitchen Treasures. Enamelled Tappan stove, Revival table with copper drawers, wooden work table, and more... 548-8843

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

ELEGANT Ladies 14K gold band with 3 large pear cut diamonds, total 3.05 carats. Valued at \$11,000; will sacrifice for \$5,500. Monday through Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., call for Michael Ryan 769-2939

FIREWOOD, split seasoned eucalyptus/pine, \$139/cord, tax plus \$3, \$129 total picked up. Oak \$239 and \$229. 339-8245

FIREWOOD, large supply at 5900 Coliseum Way, Oakland. Open 7-4:30 daily. Mixed wood cords \$160, half \$85. Oak \$260, half \$140. Pick-up or delivery. 525-1779, evenings 437-9728

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

SEASONED almond firewood, \$195/cord. Free delivery. 635-1727; 638-1881 after 5 p.m.

SCUBA Gear: women's size 9-10 wetsuit, \$250; BC \$250; practically new \$36-0636

WASHER/Dryer like new. Refrigerator, glass table/5 chairs, women's golf clubs, Convection oven, Corduroy sofa, Huffy bike. More!! 451-8963

ROWING Machine, Concept II, like new, very great. Great gift! \$550 or best offer. 652-6194

PIEDMONT Estates: Dining set/buffet, 10 chairs \$1800, Baldwin Piano \$625, Sterling flatware set \$745, Suburb, near 6802, Original Picasso/Dali lithograph, Paintings By Listed Artists, two oriental screens, estate jewelry, Persian rugs, other quality items. 444-6959

SPODE, Royal Worcester Hyde Park, white/gold trim, perfect, service for 12, retail \$4800, sell \$2000. Tiffin stemware Water pattern, golds and wine, service for 12, \$400. Wood stove, cast iron, brick/glass, \$200. 569-2564

MONTCLAIR Swim Club Family membership, \$250, includes transfer. Great Family Christmas gift. 482-0842

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED: An old toy train Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. Lives - 547-1278

BUYING

Diamonds, gold jewelry, rare coins, etc. Albany Coin Exchange, 1107 Solano Ave., Albany 528-4781

OLD Furniture wanted. Same day \$ and pick-up. Pager 510-633-3857

DESIGNER clothing, we consign/buy. Jolo Bejano, 1356 Park St., Alameda. Open every day. 523-9688

NORDIC Track Pro or better. Also treadmill. 339-8074

608 Musical Instruments

CONCERT Grand Wurritzer, good condition, beautiful sound, \$3500 or best offer. 653-0732

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

Service With Tender Loving Care. Lupe's Happy Critters walks, feedings, socializing. Rain or shine. 895-6380

RENTALS

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

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701 Lofts & Live-Work Space

\$900 OFF Broadway at 246 30th Street. Dramatic live/work loft, 950 sq. ft. Appliances, washer/dryer. Available now. 839-8129

703 Garage & Storage Rentals

\$70 LARGE garage, for storage only, Lake Merritt area. 531-0567

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$625 ONE large bedroom condo, centrally located, beautifully maintained. First, last, deposit. Non-smoking. Alameda 357-4417

MONTCLAIR Classic, deck, yard, spa. No pets. Non-smoking. Short-term. 869-4215

707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast

NORTH Tahoe Dollar Point. Four bedrooms, 2 baths home. View, sauna, garages. Ski lease. 415-323-4055

SQUAW Valley, studio, ski lease. 916-581-3041

A Farm in Provence. Charming stone houses by the water. Pool, fantastic views (510) 547-7470

SQUAW Valley 1 bedroom condo at lifts. Holiday weeks from \$100-\$325/night. 237-7555

APTS. - CONDOS. - FLATS FOR RENT**709 Alameda****710 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Alameda**

FURNISHED studio and 1 bedroom apartments. Direct dial phones, cable, HBO, laundry, maid service. Near shops and transportation. Weekly \$210-up. Monthly \$750-up. 523-6633

711 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$525-\$595 FURNISHED studio also 1 bedroom unfurnished. Clean, quiet, keyed entrance, classic building, near beach. Most utilities paid. 523-0337

712 2 BED. APT. RENTALS Alameda

\$650-\$700 SUNNY, spacious 2 bedroom, upper unit in duplex. Nice street, covered parking. 865-7956

\$825-\$935 ACROSS from beach, 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Fireplace, gourmet kitchen, pool, parking, pet-friendly. Ask about move-in specials. 1901 Shoreline Drive. 865-3310

\$485 SUNNY, large studio in well-maintained Spanish-style building filled with old world charm. Walk-in closet with built-ins, eat-in kitchen, laundry. Cable available. Quiet neighborhood on China Hill. Rent includes heat. 339-0887

\$500 LARGE, sunny, clean, hardwoods, laundry. Near Lakeshore, transportation. 690 Montclair Ave. 523-8950, 834-0978

\$500 PIEDMONT Border. A very special, private in-law studio in quality home with separate entrance. Look out on park-like setting, all utilities included. Non-smoking, no pets. 415-771-2500 ext 902

\$465 **★ CHARMING VICTORIAN ★**

North Oakland/Temescal renovated fixer-upper. Bay window with window seats. Built-ins. Near Expo. No pets. 444-0876

\$485 307 PIEDMONT Avenue. Nice near unit. Carpeted, mini-blinds, walk-in closets, kitchen/breakfast area, cable ready, utilities included. 547-4031; 654-7040

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716 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Berkeley

\$620 STUDIO Montclair Village taking applications. Cable included, no pets 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. 530-9376

\$625 TWO weeks free rent on move-in. Upper Glenview, cottage-style studio located in duplex Country size kitchen, full bath, living room, washer/dryer. Yard. 465-9064; 785-4769

\$700 SPACIOUS home. Beautiful, hardwood floors, eat-in kitchen, garage. Quiet street. CPB/SELECT 339-1643

GLENVIEW studio, \$395 plus deposit. New paint and carpet, private entrance, paid utilities. 531-1056

725 1 BED. APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont

\$495 ADAMS Point remodeled Victorian; quiet, new kitchen, newly painted, 2 closets, laundry, Leveiros, 415-863-6390

\$500 ONE bedroom, intercom entry. On Telegraph Ave. Short bus ride to UC Campus. Laundry facilities. No pets or parking. 601-6662

\$500 PLUS \$150 utilities, Glenview 1 bedroom, new carpet, partially furnished. 530-7838

\$505 QUIET fourplex. Yard, storage. Walk to Piedmont Ave., transportation. No pets. 4112 Shafter. 652-2127

\$510 **BEST DEAL**

1 bedroom, walk-to-walk carpet, mini-blinds. Laundry, close to transportation/shopping. No pets. 452-2922

\$510 AVAILABLE now. Best Value. Beautiful, quiet, secure building near Lake Merritt. Completely remodeled 1 bedroom, balcony, courtyard, close to transportation, shopping, BART. Secure parking, laundry in building. Sorry, no pets. 835-3345

\$510 Grand Lake area, first floor, sunny, A/EK, new carpeting, laundry and on-site parking. 829-9201

\$525 **WALK TO LAKE**

488 Stow-A 1 bedroom with small private deck and dining off kitchen. New carpet and paint. Quiet 7-pkx two blocks to Lake Merritt. Gas heat and stove. Walk-in closet. Corner unit. Call 531-6969

\$525 **CENTRAL ADAMS POINT**

389 Palm-Lake 1 bedroom, fresh wall-to-wall, floor refrigerator, dining area, laundry, near Bellevue. Must See Parking available. Call 839-8536

\$525 **BEST DEAL IN ADAMS POINT**

325 Euclid - 1 bedroom, dining area, swimming pool. One block to shopping and transportation. Lakeview. Call 451-5498

\$525 **HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS IN YOUR NEW HOME**

One bedrooms, 287 Euclid Avenue - Excellent location. Near Grand and Lakeshore Ave. No pets. Call 835-1933

\$525 REMODELED 1 bedroom apartment in modern security building on tree-lined street in Adams Point. Near Lake and downtown. New carpet, paint, blinds and appliances, new and responsive management, security parking available. 187 Montecito. 272-9241

\$535 FRUITVALE District, large 1 bedroom flat, separate living, dining rooms, garage, hardwood floors. 482-5949

\$535 LARGE 1 bedroom, older building. Carpet, laundry, intercom, near Lakeside park. 240 Grand 444-0620

\$535 VERY nice with deck, sunny, carpet, laundry, parking. Convenient, shopping, 1-580. 4812 Tompkins. 482-4590

721 Emeryville

EMERY BAY CLUB AND APARTMENTS

Apartments available:

• Studios as low as \$635

• 1 bedrooms as low as \$770

• 2 bedrooms/1 bath as low as \$905

• 3 bedrooms/2 baths as low as \$1005

Income restrictions apply. EOH 510-597-8310

723 Oakland & Piedmont**724 STUDIO APT. RENTALS Oakland & Piedmont**

\$365 STUDIO with new carpet and paint. \$200 OFF FIRST MONTH'S RENT. Gas heat included. Downtown Oakland. Good credit, no evictions. 763-0688

\$395 MOVE-IN Special, \$200 discount. Old world charm. Best Value Lake area. Clean, laundry, top floor. Must see. 428 East 19th St. 839-3100

\$425 PLUS security, extra security, residential area near Mills College, 5400 Walnut. \$50 bonus (510) 430-9133

\$425 SUNNY, beautiful, partially furnished studio, cable ready, laundry room, garden, quiet neighborhood. 535-1285

\$435 LARGE unit in nice Ivy Drive neighborhood. \$50 off for light maintenance. Laundry, near Lake Merritt. Call 893-7247

\$450 479 MERRITT - Studio, charming 1920's building. Sunny kitchen with gas stove, walk-in closet, common area deck with panoramic Lake view, tiled bath. Call 451-3022

\$450 NEAR Piedmont Ave., 20 unit building. Laundry facilities, water/garage paid. Cat okay. 465-9064

\$450 STUDIOS, GOOD LOCATION, EXCELLENT DEAL. Includes electricity and gas. Controlled access entry. Near Lake Merritt. 144 Grand Ave. Near BART. 763-5974

460 BEST STUDIO VALUE

High on Hill near Lake Merritt, garage available. CPB/SELECT 834-9471

\$465 **★ CHARMING VICTORIAN ★**

North

755 4+ BED. HOME RENTALS**Berkeley**

\$2100 WOODSY 4 plus plus, 3 bath, BART, fireplace, hardwood, laundry, dishwasher 472-43rd. 420-1676.

756 El Cerrito & North

\$950 EL CERRITO 2 bedroom, charming older home, wonderful sunlight, great condition. Large basement work space. Agent 528-9661.

\$950 SPACIOUS El Cerrito 2 bedroom. Fireplace, large kitchen, hardwoods. Ramona/ Fairmount. #33037-B. Homefinders 549-6450.

\$1250 EL CERRITO Hills beautiful bay/ city/ bridge view, lovely landscaped garden with fish pond. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath plus lots of extra space. Available January 15. Deposit and insurance. 235-3168.

\$1650 EL CERRITO 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, on golf course. Formal dining, family room, non-smoking. Agent 526-9661.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6734

The Name of the Business: Treasures From The East, 2646 Francisco Way, El Cerrito, CA 94530-1531.

is hereby registered by the following Owners: Derek Cavallari, 2646 Francisco Way, El Cerrito, CA 94530-1531.

Timber Hanisch, 2646 Francisco Way, El Cerrito, CA 94530-1531.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 9, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6683

The Name of the Business: Glislen Window Cleaning, 418 Devon Ct., (P.O. Box 65) Oakley, CA 94561

is hereby registered by the following Owners: Orrin Davis, 418 Devon Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.

Warren Lee Wilson, 418 Devon Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.

Lorraine Lee Davis, 418 Devon Ct., Oakley, CA 94561.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 7, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6533

The Name of the Business: DATANET, 3240 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: Boris Saniksov, 3240 McNutt Ave., Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 1, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6574

The Name of the Business: Prep & Paint, 5671 Marlin Dr., Byron, CA 94514.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: Beverly A. Carman, 5671 Marlin Dr., Byron, CA 94514.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 1, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6577

The Name of the Business: The Skyline Group, 1855 Gateway Blvd., Suite 140, Concord, CA 94520.

is hereby registered by the following Owners: Michael Haleburis, 268 Bush St., Unit B-509, San Francisco, CA 94104.

Bill White, 4843 Kipling Dr., Carmichael, CA 95608.

Jon R. Wagner, 700 Ignacio Valley Road, #330, Walnut Creek, CA 94596.

This business is conducted by a General Partnership. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on October 24, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6548

The Name of the Business: 1. Hair Illusion 2. Beauty Supply Wholesalers, 1519 A Street, Antioch, CA 94509.

Are hereby registered by the following Owner: Regina LaVerne Sikes, 260 Balfour Rd., Brentwood, CA 94519.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 6, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6647

The Name of the Business: Manning Enterprises, 2786 Greenwood Dr., San Pablo, CA 94606.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: Wendy M. Batzfelder, 2786 Greenwood Dr., San Pablo, CA 94606.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 6, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6734

The Name of the Business: WebWear Co., 1022 Hampton Road, Lafayette, CA 94549.

Public Notices

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Albany City Council has scheduled a public hearing for **TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1996, at 8:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible, to be held in the City Council Chambers, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, California.

To consider and adopt an increase in the Utility User's Tax on gas; electric; intrastate, interstate, international and cellular telephone service. The existing rate is 7.0%. The proposed increase is to 7.5%. This proposed increase is estimated to generate \$75,000 annually. The tax collected is part of regular gas, electric and telephone customer billing.

To consider and adopt an increase in the Property Transfer Tax. The existing rate is \$8.50 per \$1,000 sale price. The proposed increase is to \$10.00. This proposed increase is estimated to generate \$60,000 annually. The tax collected by the Alameda County Recorder upon the transfer of property which is deemed applicable to the City of Albany Municipal Code (Section 4-5).

Persons interested and desiring to be heard should be present at the time and place mentioned above, or send written comments to the City Council at 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706.

THIS NOTICE IS GIVEN PURSUANT TO THE DIRECTIONS OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL.

JACQUELINE L. BUCHOLZ, CMC CITY CLERK

Posted: City Hall, Library & Fire Department

Published: The Journal, Thursday, December 7, 21, 1995.

Public Notices

is hereby registered by the following Owner: WebWear Co., Delaware.

This business is conducted by a Corporation. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 9, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6771

The Name of the Business: 1) Nu Products International 2) Nu Ideas International, 8657 Don Carol Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

Are hereby registered by the following Owner: Lal Chand Sadarangani, 8657 Don Carol Dr., El Cerrito, CA 94530.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 13, 1995.

The Journal November 30, December 7, 14, 21, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6639

The Name of the Business: Beiers Distributing, 733 Bayshore St., Martinez, CA 94553.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: This business is conducted by an individual.

M. Beiers, 733 Bayshore St., Martinez, CA 94553.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 6, 1995.

The Journal December 7, 14, 21, 28, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6642

The Name of the Business: Food For Thought, 111 Cleveland Rd., Suite 136, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: Lon M. Lewis, 111 Cleveland Rd., Suite 136, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 6, 1995.

The Journal December 7, 14, 21, 28, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6723

The Name of the Business: B & J Roberts Enterprise, 4994 Shadowfalls Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.

is hereby registered by the following Owners: Bert Leonard Roberts, 4994 Shadowfalls Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.

June Taylor Roberts, 4994 Shadowfalls Dr., Martinez, CA 94553.

This business is conducted by Individuals - Husband and Wife.

Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 9, 1995.

The Journal December 7, 14, 21, 28, 1995.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TRUSTEE SALE NO. L-5189 APN No. 527-051-012-5 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 01/14/77. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. ON 01/05/96 at 10:00 AM, ROBERT E. WEISS INCORPORATED as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 01/17/77 as Document No. 11778 Book #144 Page 200 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, executed by: Gabriel G Ruiz and Irma Ruiz, his wife, as Trustor, Progress Mortgage Corporation, a California Corporation, as Beneficiary will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) at the Main Street Entrance to the City Hall, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA, all right, title and interest conveyed and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California, described in the land therein: Lot 9, Block 3, Map of San Pablo Villa Tract, filed September 21, 1905, Map Book C, Page 65, Contra Costa County Records. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is" without warranty and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1614 24th Street, Richmond, CA 94804. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the trust address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to wit: \$20,814.93. Estimated. Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Date: 11/17/95 ROBERT E. WEISS INCORPORATED AS TRUSTEE, 920 VILLAGE OAKS DRIVE, P.O. BOX 3269, COVINA, CA 91722. NOTICE OF CRIS A. KLINGERMAN C238662 12-7/14/91 1995

The Journal December 7, 21, 14, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6892

The Name of the Business: EASY WAY TRAVEL, 934 Bancroft Rd., Concord, CA 94518.

is hereby registered by the following Owner: Ebad Rihman Mobeligh, 934 Bancroft Rd., Concord, CA 94518.

This business is conducted by an individual. Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 17, 1995.

The Journal December 7, 14, 21, 28, 1995.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT

File No. 95-6616

The Name of the Business: 1.B & D Consulting 2. Krfeniet, 208 Gregory Lane, Pleasant Hill, CA

Public Notices

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE UNDER DEED OF TRUST FILE #11539, A.P. NUMBER 508-061-055. YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED October 13, 1988, UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY. IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Notice is hereby given that LENDER SERVICE BUREAU, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION as trustee, or successor trustee, or substituted trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by Edith C. Wilson, an unmarried woman. Recorded on 11/02/1988 as Instrument No. 203347 in Book 14691 Page 721 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, and pursuant to the Notice of Default and Election to Sell thereunder recorded 09/04/1995 as Instrument No. 95-149890 of said Official Records, will sell on 11/21/1995 at The Main Entrance to the City Hall 1668 N. Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA at 10:00 AM at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at the time of sale in lawful money of the United States), all right, title, and interest, conveyed to and now held by said County and State hereinafter described: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST. The property address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 1359 Carlson Blvd Richmond, CA 94804. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any inaccuracy of the property address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$59,761.44. In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept a cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state. In the event tender other than cash is accepted, the Trustee may withhold the issuance of the Trustee's Deed until funds become available to the payee or endorsee as a matter of right. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed, advances thereunder, with interest as provided therein, and the unpaid principal balance of the Note secured by said Deed with interest thereon as provided in said Note, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trustee created by said Deed of Trust. Dated: 12/01/1995 LENDER SERVICE BUREAU as said Trustee, a California Corporation, 19800 MacArthur Blvd., Suite #970, Irvine, CA 92715-2421 (714)442-2850; Jennifer L. Klute, Service Officer C237785, 12/21, 12/26, 1995, 14, 1995. The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7146
The Name of the Business:
Happy Homes Properties, 4704 Matterhorn Court, P.O. Box 4352, Antioch, CA 94531-4352
Is hereby registered by the following Owners:

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John M. Hollender, 5510 Lenora Rd., Richmond, CA 94803-3447.
Paula Young, 5510 Lenora Rd., Richmond, CA 94803-3447.
Margaret Hollender, 1011 Fair Oaks, Apt. #7, Alameda, CA 94501.
M. Paula Mezynski, 5624 College Ave., Apt. #5, Oakland, CA 94621.
Allan Schwartz, 2632 Fillmore St., #1, San Francisco, CA 94115.
Diane Frost, 61 Humbolt St., Richmond, CA 94806.
Sandra Love, 444 Kent St., Zephyr Cove, NE 89448.
Bak Y. Chin, 733 Gellert Blvd., Daly City, CA 94015.
Thomas & Nancy Casazza, 2609 Sonoma Way, Pinole, CA 94564.
Viviane Vidal, 334 Berkeley Park Way, Kensington, CA 94521.
Juan E. & Alicia B. Tinnirelio, 4704 Matterhorn Ct., Antioch, CA 94509-8335.
This business is conducted by Co-owners.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 5, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-6948
The Name of the Business:
Nation's Giant Hamburgers, 4600-A Clayton Rd., Concord, CA 94521
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Nation's Foodservice, Inc. (General Partner), 11090 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by a Limited Partnership.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 21, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7084
The Name of the Business:
Lynne LeMarr's Living Legacies, 3294 Withers Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Deborah Lynne Hall, 3294 Withers Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 30, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7166
The Name of the Business:
Synergistic Engineering Systems, 1231 Norvell St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Duane Yamasaki, 1231 Norvell St., El Cerrito, CA 94530.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 30, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
File No. 95-7280
The Name of the Business:
Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Deborah Lynne Hall, 3294 Withers Ave., Lafayette, CA 94549.
This business is conducted by an individual.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on November 30, 1995.
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Letters

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protection initiative. His political experience and know-how were of immeasurable help in the election campaign. Ever since then Robert Outis has attacked Bob at every opportunity — just as Outis has attacked anyone else who has opposed commercial development on the waterfront.

Thanks to the efforts of people like Bob Cheasty, and the voters of the three shoreline cities, Assemblymember Tom Bates, with a lot of his own hard work, was able to secure passage of a bill to create the Eastshore State Park. I support Bob Cheasty's candidacy because I believe he will effectively continue to support those values Tom Bates stands for, including the creation of the shoreline park.

I cannot begin to take the space to answer all of Outis' factual misrepresentations. Perhaps one example will illustrate his casual attitude toward the truth. He says that "Robert Cheasty and ... Mayor Mike Brodsky then worked hard in the 1994 local elections to defeat the most vocal opponent of the cardroom proposal." At the time of the 1994 Albany elections there was no cardroom proposal!

My support for Bob Cheasty does not impel me to make nasty and unjustified attacks on the other candidates. Robert Outis made a point of identifying himself as a Democrat. Too bad he doesn't understand how he could damage his own political party by using the Democratic primary to carry on a vendetta.

Bob Arnold
Albany

Money scam

Editor:
I was incensed when I read the plea from the VCA Albany Veterinary Clinic for help in paying for medical expenses incurred for "Locomotive" the cat. Let me begin by saying that I am an animal lover who is employed by a local veterinarian. I am very familiar with offering medical treatment to animals. In my experience each veterinary practice that I have dealt with will offer its medical services to a lost or misplaced animal in need. Once the animal has been treated, we will then look for its owner, place it in a loving home, opt to keep the animal with us as a permanent boarder or take it home ourselves. More often than not these animals are placed into homes.

When the animal is brought to us, the veterinarian makes the decision to treat the animal or not depending on the severity of the injuries and what is in the best interest of the animal. Once this decision is made the burden of expense should be borne by the veterinary hospital. These random acts of kindness are offered daily without any concern for compensation.

I feel the plea for "donations" that VCA Albany Veterinary Hospital has publicly made is nothing more than a scam for money. I find it hard to believe that the veterinarian's out-of-pocket expense for this cat was \$1,200 but will be happy to concede on this issue and give them the benefit of doubt. My opinion is that this article was nothing less than public extortion, and any money collected should be donated to an appropriate animal fund.

Juanita Hamilton, Richmond veterinarian staffer

Arrests

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len: a 1985 Chevrolet Impala from the 400 block of Bonnie Drive at about 1:50 a.m. Nov. 30, a 1984 Coup de Ville from the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue Dec. 4 between 4:10 p.m. and 4:18 p.m., and a 1977 Chevrolet Monte Carlo from the 3100 block of Yosemite during the night of Dec. 1.

The latter two cars were later recovered.

* Someone attempted to hotwire a 1983 Mazda GLC in the 6600 block of Lincoln Avenue during the night of Dec. 3, after breaking in to the vehicle.

* A Richmond man was arrested at San Pablo and Carlos Avenue for possession of a loaded, concealed handgun under the spare tire in his trunk at 2:25 a.m. Dec. 3.

* A Richmond man was arrested for driving a stolen vehicle at 56th and Cypress, then attempting to evade a police officer, at 2:12 a.m. Dec. 19.

* Arrested for driving under the influence were a San Francisco woman at Portola and Liberty at 3:15 a.m. Dec. 9, a Kensington man at Richmond and Central at 12:40 a.m. Dec. 10, and a Berkeley man at San Pablo and Portola at 3:20 a.m. the same morning.

* A Richmond woman was arrested for being under the influence of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for sale or transport at 1:36 a.m. Dec. 12 at San Pablo and Mooser.

* Three incidents of domestic

conflict were reported.

* Six auto burglaries were reported. On Nov. 27, someone took a camera equipment bag from a car parked at Piggy's Pizza; during the night of Nov. 30, a burglar entered a vehicle in the 1400 block of Liberty Street after attempting unsuccessfully to remove the car's wheels. Nothing was taken.

* A cellular phone was taken from a car parked at El Cerrito Plaza between 6:15 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Dec. 7.

* During the night of Dec. 8, change and an indash stereo were taken from a vehicle parked in the 6900 block of Fairview Drive, and a stereo was taken from a vehicle parked in the 2300 block of Alva.

The next morning, a stereo was taken from a car parked in the 7000 block of Cutting Boulevard.

* Rear mudguards were taken from a car in the 6600 block of Lincoln Avenue during the night of Dec. 3.

* An auto burglary was attempted in the 2600 block of the Arlington during the night of Dec. 1, causing damage to the vehicle's door.

* Two incidents of residential vandalism were reported. BBs were shot in the 1600 block of Elm Street at about 3:06 p.m. Nov. 28, damaging a door, and in the 7800 block of Eureka on the evening of Dec. 9, breaking a window.

* During the night of Dec. 2, vehicles windows were broken in the 900 block of Ashbury Avenue (rocks thrown), the 6500 block of Eureka, the 700 block of Pomona, the 800 block of Arlington (three incidents), and the 100 block of San Carlos Avenue. Dents were also made in the frame of a car

parked in the 100 block of San Carlos that night.

* Rocks or similar items were thrown at a vehicle parked on San Pablo Avenue near Conlon at 7:30 a.m. Nov. 16 and on Nov. 14; male juveniles were seen in connection with the incident.

* During the daytime Dec. 12, a vehicle window was broken at Portola Middle School. A tire was punctured by an adult male in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 5:05 p.m. Dec. 15.

* A variety of other thefts was also reported.

* Between Nov. 29 and Dec. 1, a package was taken from a porch in the 2300 block of Edna.

* A wallet was taken by a pickpocket at Payless at about 5 p.m. Dec. 2; a purse was taken from a bar in the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue at about 11:15 p.m. Dec. 8.

* Cash was taken from a residence in the 1800 block of Key Boulevard sometime before Dec. 5.

* A cellular phone was taken from an office in the 10200 block of San Pablo Avenue Dec. 1.

* A bike was reported stolen from in front of a sandwich shop in El Cerrito Plaza at about 4:50 p.m. Dec. 8.

* Recycling thefts were reported on Liberty and Lexington on the morning of Dec. 7.

* Arrested for shoplifting were: a Richmond male juvenile at Target, two male juveniles, a Rodeo man and a Rodeo woman at the Emporium.

* A Berkeley man arrested for shoplifting by Emporium security officers was found to be in possession of a wallet reported stolen in a Berkeley residential burglary.

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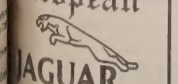
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Is hereby registered by the following Owner:
Tiscose And Young, Inc., California.
This business is conducted by a Corporation.
Statement was filed with County Clerk of Contra Costa County on December 12, 1995.
The Journal December 21, 28, 1995, January 4, 11, 1996.

Happy Holidays

Classic Confections/Sweet Success

The Rodin statue of The Thinker at the Legion of Honor Museum in San Francisco, Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo anywhere and Classic Confections in Berkeley. All provide food for the soul!

But only at one of the above can you actually eat. Classic Confections (CC) on Shattuck Avenue looks rather ordinary from the outside...ah, but after stepping through its portals the unsuspecting customer is introduced to artfully conceived, brilliantly carried out and scrumptiously delicious confections from a pastry chef who clearly knows how to use aesthetics to arouse the senses. More than just a pastry shop, CC offers comfortable seating for customers to enjoy a respite from cyber-space and relax with fresh coffee, espresso or fine tea, and pastry which will not soon be forgotten.

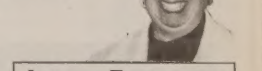
CC is the brain child of Diane Verducci. Along with her daughter and partner, Jennifer Temple, who runs the cafe portion of the shop

and her skilled, inventive Pastry Chef, Joe Rhiel, Diane has introduced a new dimension in fabulous confections to the Bay Area. If you can imagine it, Joe Rhiel can reproduce it. Weddings, showers or any major event can only be made more special with the addition of Joe's creations. Diane and Jennifer modestly credit the success of their shop to the skill of their pastry chef whose hobby, by the way, is magic; most definitely a metaphor for his mouth watering creations.

Diane and Joe sponsor baking demonstrations about three times each year in their large well stocked pastry kitchen. For a fee of only \$20, about twenty participants can learn pastry making skills from the master, get to make their own and, best of all, eat the finished product.

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food cake and dark chocolate mousse, wrapped with either white or dark chocolate ruffles, a Mango Mousse, Lemon Tart or a simpler, but equally tasty, shortbread or ginger cookie, treat yourself and your taste buds to Classic Confections at 1469 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley. The phone number is (510) 649-1004. Hours are Monday - Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



The
Wine File
■ ALAN GOLDFARB

Wine country visit with Tommy Smothers

It was back in September, after observing Tommy Smothers' endearing antics at the Sonoma Valley auction, that I concluded that he would make a wonderful ambassador and salesman for California wine. After spending a couple of hours with him at his home in Kenwood last month, I still believe that. The rub is, Tommy Smothers doesn't think he can sell wine.

"I have trouble selling myself, I'm not assertive enough," Smothers admits. He's shy, unassuming, reserved, and sensitive. Although he has spent almost 40 years in show business he is not affected by it. "I've said: I don't like the '91 Chardonnay as much as I like the '92. Dick Arrowood (his winemaker) says: 'You don't say that. You say this is the best God damned Chardonnay that ever came out.'"

Smothers, it turns out, is a lousy businessman. Between bites of a turkey sandwich, the comic-cum-wine man admits that he's not very good at selling his Remick Ridge wine, which he's renamed for his beloved grandfather. But, he says, he knows just the guy who can sell the wine for him.

"Hello. Dis is a Father Guido Sarducci fora da Remicka Ridge wine. You know I a used do a commun' in Latin using a poor wine then. Ever since, I've a been usin' des boys a wine, it's a 'umm boy, that'sa good wine."

Come a backa next time, another commun', or a nice a weddin', too."

It's the only shtick Tommy Smothers allows me one sunny morning from his rustic stone house high atop the Sonoma Mountains.

In the 1960s he was one of the biggest stars on television with the "Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour." His brother Dick (he's the straight man with the upright bass) is a recovering alcoholic, living in North Carolina, doing Tai Chi and consulting a channeler; while Tommy (he's the "dumb" schnook with the guitar) has been living in Sonoma Valley as CEO of his winery (though he describes his role as mostly saying "yes" and "no"). Dick is no longer involved. The Smothers Brothers, however, still perform together about a third of the year.

But Tommy Smothers doing fellow comedian Don Novello doing Guido Sarducci aside, Tom Smothers wants you to take him seriously — especially the premium wines he's ardently attempting to produce from the 25 acres he's owned here since 1970. That's why he's minimized the name Smothers Brothers on his new Remick Ridge label, fearing that

Tommy Smothers, despite the public persona, is serious about his life and work.

otherwise his wine would be thought of as a joke.

And that is why Smothers employs the services of Richard Arrowood as his winemaker. Arrowood is considered one of the best vintners in California.

Planning to retire in a few years, Smothers is getting his

house and winery in order. While appearing large from the outside, Smothers' home is modest really on its interior. The bedrooms are small, and the wooden pocket door to his 2-1/2-year-old son Bo's room is salvaged from the old Bank of Tokyo in San Francisco.

The entire house in fact, is made from recycled materials.

His wine cellar is sparsely filled and contains bottles mostly from the old Smothers Brothers Winery, and some with the new Remick Ridge label with "Smothers Brothers" hardly discernible in small type.

But Smothers, despite the public persona, is serious about

his life and work. The corridors of his house and his wine cellar are scattershot with photographs — of his family, his grandfather, fellow comedians.

One of his favorites depicts a snow-topped mountain. He woke at 6 one winter morning and aimed his camera out the window of his Sonoma Mountain hilltop bedroom. It reminds him he says, of the Alps.

And on top of that mountain is where he would prefer to stay, rather than going out and doing the visible things it takes to sell one's wine.

Smothers tells me that he once got up enough nerve to go down to a local market and ask

if they'd carry his wine. After seeing him, the manager agreed and promised to do it prominently. After returning from a month-long engagement with Dickie, Smothers went back to the market.

"My wine was sitting on the shelf with the toilet paper. When it was gone, some salesman probably from Galia, came and put his wines in the toilet paper," Tommy says. The un-winesalesman says

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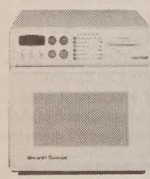
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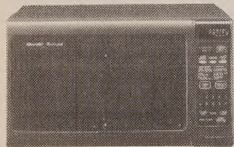
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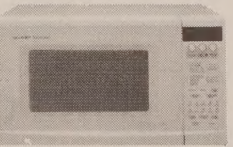
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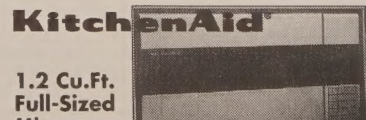
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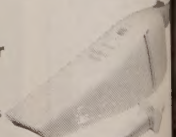


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